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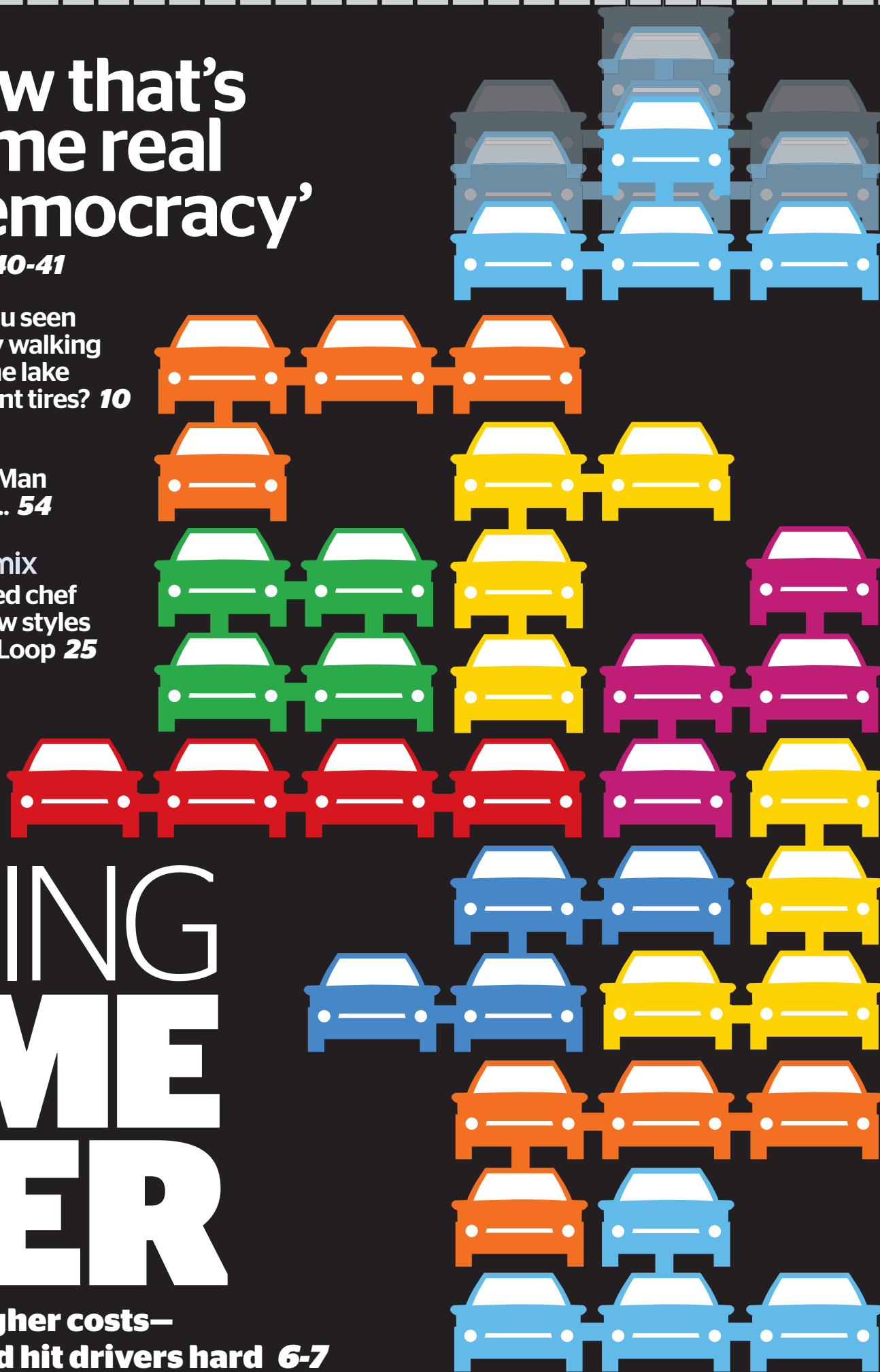
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AL QAEDA'S HARSH WELCOME

Terrorist network insults Obama with racial epithet

Associated Press

CAIRO Al Qaeda's No. 2 leader used a racial epithet to insult Barack Obama in a message posted Wednesday, describing the president-elect in demeaning terms that imply he does the bidding of whites.

The message appeared chiefly aimed at persuading Muslims and Arabs that Obama does not represent a change in U.S. policies. Ayman al-Zawahri said in the message, which appeared on militant Web sites, that Obama is "the direct opposite of honorable black Americans" like Malcolm X, the 1960s African-American rights leader.

In Al Qaeda's first response to Obama's victory, al-Zawahri also called the president-elect—along with Secretaries of State Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice—"house Negroes."

Speaking in Arabic, al-Zawahri uses the term "abeed al-beit," which literally translates as "house slaves." But Al Qaeda supplied English subtitles of his speech that included the translation as "house Negroes."

The message also includes old footage of speeches by Malcolm X in which he explains the term, saying black slaves who worked in their white masters' house were more servile than those who worked in the fields. Malcolm X used the term to criticize black leaders he accused of not standing up to whites.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the latest message was just "more despicable



An IntelCenter video image shows a new video from Al Qaeda in which their No. 2 leader uses a racial epithet to insult Barack Obama.

comments from a terrorist."

The 11-minute, 23-second video features the audio message by al-Zawahri, who appears only in a still image, along with other images, including one of Obama wearing a Jewish skullcap as he meets with Jewish leaders.

In his speech, al-Zawahri refers to a Nov. 5 U.S. airstrike attack in Afghanistan, meaning the video was made after that date.

"America has put on a new face, but its heart full of hate, mind drowning

in greed, and spirit which spreads evil, murder, repression and despotism continue to be the same as always," the deputy of Al Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden said.

He said Obama's plan to shift troops to Afghanistan is doomed to failure, because Afghans will resist.

He said Obama's victory showed Americans acknowledged that President Bush's policies were a failure and that the result was an "admission of defeat in Iraq."



Bill Clinton opens up to help wife's bid

Associated Press

Former President Bill Clinton has offered several concessions to help Sen. Hillary Clinton, his wife, become secretary of state, people familiar with President-elect Obama's transition vetting process said Wednesday.

Clinton has agreed to release the names of several major donors to his charitable foundation and will submit future foundation activities and paid speeches to a strict ethics review, said Democrats knowledgeable about the discussions.

The Democrats spoke only on grounds of anonymity because of the private nature of the Cabinet-selection process.

Since Sen. Clinton has emerged as a top contender for the State job, her husband's international business deals and the fundraising he has done for his foundation and presidential library have come under careful review by Obama's transition team. A team of attorneys is representing the Clintons in negotiations with Obama officials in talks that have taken place this week at a law firm in Washington.

Hillary Clinton still carries a substantial debt from her presidential campaign, and if she were to become secretary of state she would face restrictions on her ability to retire it. As of Oct. 1, she owed nearly \$8 million to campaign vendors.

ON DASCHLE

Former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle has accepted President-elect Obama's offer to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, Democratic officials said Wednesday. The appointment will be made official after Obama's team completes a review of the South Dakota Democrat's background.

» As expected, Obama named his chief campaign strategist, David Axelrod, a senior adviser.



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Stay at home? Yes you can

The country's got Obama fever, and tickets to the inauguration are in as high demand and short supply as the annual flu shot. As many as 4 million people are expected to swarm the Capitol for the inauguration, according to news reports this week. But before you offer your firstborn child or sell your kidney for a ticket to Barack Obama's swearing-in, I'd like to offer a few reasons why you might prefer to stay home on Jan. 20, as I plan to.

Even if you go, you're not going to see jack squat.

I was a senior at Georgetown University in 2000, and for President Bush's inauguration I attended a party at the D.C. branch of my dad's office, which overlooked Pennsylvania Avenue. Now I didn't vote for the guy, but I wasn't too cynical to pass up the chance to witness a major event. Plus, there was free food and booze.

But the only thing I could see from our vantage point, which was probably better than most people's, was a tiny blue dot representing Laura Bush's coat. When the guests really wanted to see anything, we'd go inside—to watch the TV.

You have a TV here in Chicago, don't you?

Chicago does not hold a monopoly on crappy weather in January. Yes, we'll be filled with warmth and happiness as our beloved Chicagoan is sworn in. But this is metaphorical warmth. The weather was frigid and gray in January 2000. D.C. is cold, and only Oprah can afford to hire another human to keep her warm.

Secret Service will be all up in your face. One of my most vivid memories from the 2000 parade was the scary-looking dudes stationed on the tops of buildings. They weren't there to enjoy the parade. They were there to take care of any nonsense. Your jubilant celebration may to them look like trouble. At the very least, maybe it's best to scrap the plan of running up to President Obama to get an autograph.

You will not be singing the National Anthem. Granted, this applies more to Beyonce than to you, but it applies to you too.

We're not in Chicago anymore. Maybe this is the main reason why I don't want to go. Almost more exciting to me than celebrating Obama's win on Election Day was the fact that for a night, Chicago was the center of the world. Going to see Obama off to D.C. must be what it's like for parents to take their kids to their freshman year of college. Chicago will always be home for the Obamas but they don't belong to us anymore.

Before I knew whether I would be getting a ticket to Grant Park the evening of Nov. 4, I looked forward to an Election Day evening at home with my husband, celebrating (we hoped) from the comfort of our own couch. I did get the chance to party in the park in person, but now that I've had that opportunity, I'm looking forward to putting on my pajamas, not bundling up, and enjoying the moment from afar but in spirit.

But if you must go, remember this before you pack your bags: White Sox hats are the new cowboy boots.

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The oh-no zone

City Council approved Mayor Daley's budget Wednesday, and it's clear where the city plans on making money—cars

By Leonor Vivanco
REDEYE

Melissa Gonzalez allows herself half an hour before class at Loyola University so she can find a metered parking spot in the Gold Coast. ¶ “Half the time I’m driving around in circles and half the time I find it right away,” said Gonzalez, 24, who lives near Midway in West Lawn. ¶ Her game plan? She drives her black Jetta up and down streets near the Water Tower campus, searching for open doors or flashing lights on cars that signal that an alarm has been turned off and someone is about to pull out. ¶ “There’s so many people looking for parking that they go in a second,” she said. ¶ As if driving down congested streets and hunting for parking isn’t already enough to make you want to pull your hair out, motorists now are in for an even bigger headache.

With the passage of Mayor Daley’s budget Wednesday, the city made it clear it sees parking revenue as a key part of closing a \$469 million projected shortfall in Chicago’s budget. That means it’s going to cost more to park your car next year.

Meanwhile, entrepreneurs are looking to capitalize on the parking crunch by creating Web sites to help drivers find available spots.

By a vote of 49-1, the City Council on Wednesday approved the 2009 budget, which included raising the parking tax and the cost of residential guest parking permits, lowering the ticket threshold for cars to be boot-eligible, and using the proceeds of leasing the city’s parking meters to a private operator.

Parking ticket scofflaws will get a little break. A ticket amnesty program will be offered from Dec. 1 through Feb. 14, reducing penalties, including late fees, by 50 percent

only if the original fine is paid in full.

Alex See, 22, said he already avoids parking downtown because of the cost.

“To pay \$16 to park for an hour, it doesn’t make any sense,” said See, an academic adviser who lives in Edgewater. And you won’t see him scouring Lincoln Park and Wrigleyville for spots either. “It takes so much time to find parking that it’s easier to take public transportation and it’s less stressful,” he said.

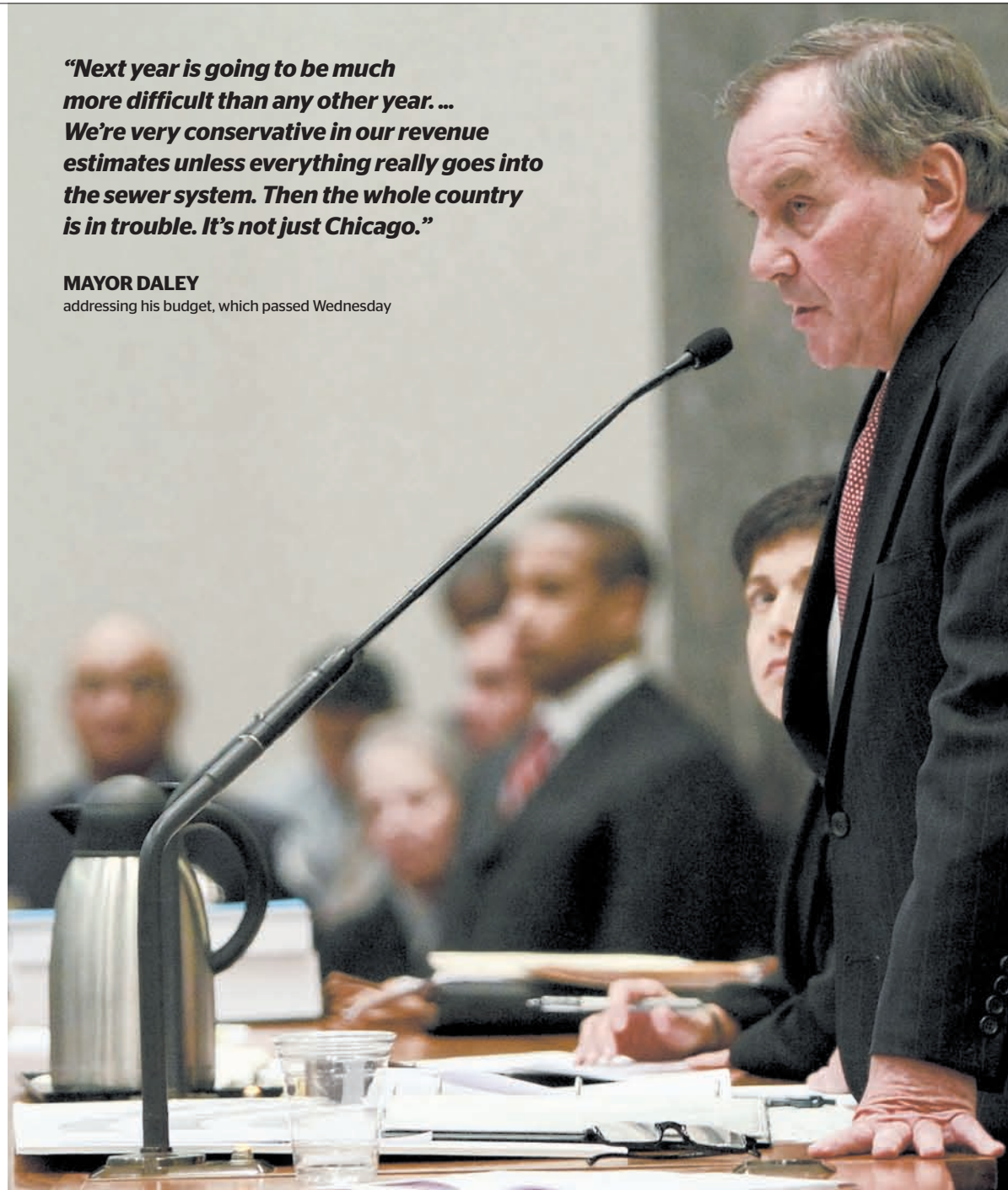
Parking is further restricted by 1,200 permit parking zones, the bulk of which lie in the area bound by Irving Park Road, North Avenue and Ashland Avenue to the lake.

And don’t forget about the overnight parking ban from 3 a.m. to 7 a.m. on 107 miles of arterial city streets that kicks in Dec. 1 and lasts until April 1, regardless of snow. On top of that, there’s also a parking ban for when there are 2 inches of snow on the ground on

“Next year is going to be much more difficult than any other year ... We’re very conservative in our revenue estimates unless everything really goes into the sewer system. Then the whole country is in trouble. It’s not just Chicago.”

MAYOR DALEY

addressing his budget, which passed Wednesday



500 miles of streets. Both carry \$60 tickets, and your car could be towed.

Chicago is the fourth on a list of “parking-challenged cities,” according to Erik Feder, author of “The Feder Guide to Where to Park Your Car in Manhattan.”

He based the rankings on the most expensive parking garage rates and parking ticket moneymakers. Also on the list are New York, Boston, San Francisco and Philadelphia.

“It’s hard to park [in Chicago],” Feder said. “People are spending a lot of money on parking garages or wasting a lot of time trying to find a parking spot,” he said.

Feder is now working on the Web site **tired of parking tickets.com**, which will serve as a parking guide in those challenged cities. The site will soon sell a color-coded map of Chicago for about \$10 that focuses on street parking: meters, loading zones, no-parking

zones and permit parking. Other Web sites also are capitalizing on the parking pinch.

Parkingspots.com, for example, maps out private parking spots available for rent. Since July, when it launched in Chicago, the site has matched more than 30 drivers to spaces in the city, said founder Aynsley Deluce, who is based in Toronto. More than 165 people are waiting to find spots through the site, with high demand downtown, in Streeterville and Lincoln Park.

Josh Singer, 27, of Wicker Park developed **parkingbroker.com** to connect drivers to parking spots that can be rented daily or monthly in Chicago neighborhoods.

The site is designed to help make parking more efficient, Singer said. If drivers find and pay for a space through the site, “they don’t have to look for parking and lose time.”

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Money matters

The city's 2009 budget targets drivers in four ways



Higher taxes

Parking costs have risen nationwide for the fifth year in a row—2.8 percent for monthly rates and 4.3 percent for daily rates—according to a 2008 survey by Colliers International, a global real estate services company. While the national median daily parking rate is \$15.42 and monthly rate is \$153.79, Chicago's rates are much higher. The city's daily average is \$30 and monthly average is \$310, behind only New York, Boston and San Francisco.

It's about to get even more expensive.

The parking tax increases from \$2.25 to \$3 on daily tabs \$12 and higher. Nearly \$98.4 million in parking tax revenue will be collected, the city estimates, up from \$87 million expected this year.

The Parking Industry Labor Management Committee, which represents operators, owners and workers of parking garages in the city, opposed the increase.

"This really becomes another tax on workers, because the people who are driving around downtown now, given the high gas prices, they drive because they need to," said Monica Metzler, industry spokeswoman.



Time's up

Meters, from which the city collects \$23 million a year, range from 25 cents for five minutes downtown to 25 cents for an hour mainly on the North and Northwest Sides of the city.

The budget includes using \$150 million from the proceeds of leasing its 35,000 meters to a private operator, which would collect meter revenue and maintain the meters. The city has issued a request for qualifications, but no company has been selected yet.

But when one is selected, it could cost more to feed the meter.

"There will likely be parking meter rate increases as part of the transaction. However, the rates are extremely low in neighborhoods today," said Lisa Schrader, spokeswoman for the city's Office of Budget and Management.



Two strikes—you're booted

Six years ago the city lowered the number of unpaid parking tickets required to get a boot from five to three. Next year it goes down to two tickets that have been unpaid for more than a year.

Even though the city offers a ticket payment plan for parking tickets, people tend to pay when they become boot eligible, said Ed Walsh, city revenue department spokesman. "There's a lot of motorists hovering at two delinquent tickets. They know they can't be booted until they hit three. So we can see they're choosing not to pay," he said.

More than 40,000 vehicles have been booted this year through August, which is up about 12 percent compared to the same time last year, Walsh said. The increase is due mainly to a license-plate recognition software program that allows booting crews to be notified of boot-eligible vehicles as they drive down the street, he said.

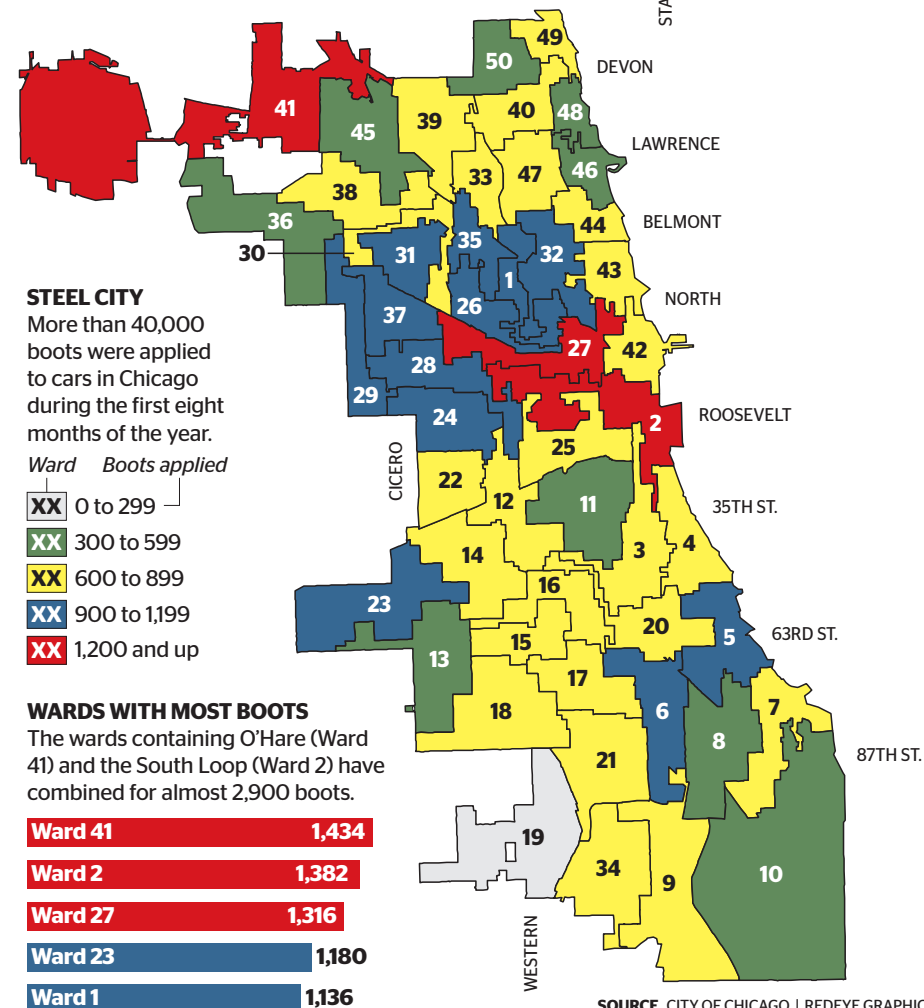
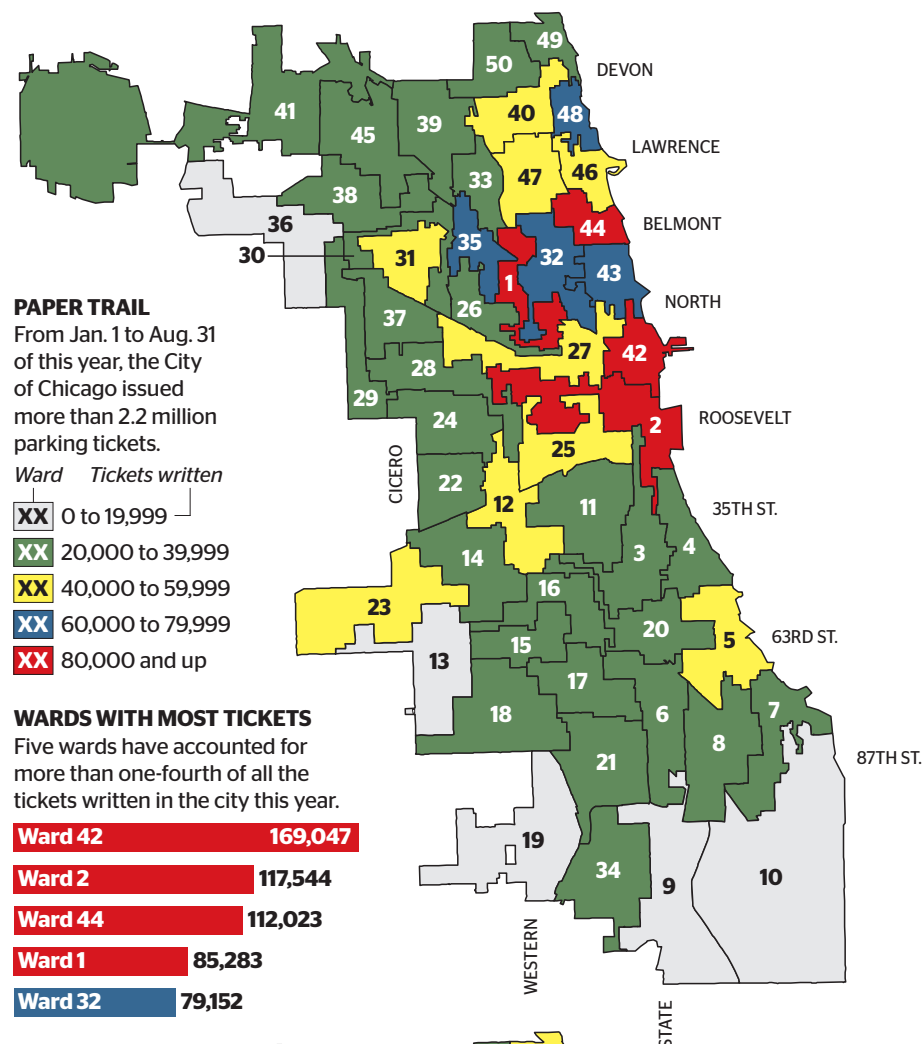
The measure to lower the threshold is projected to help close the budget shortfall by \$4 million.



Pay up for permits

Last year the city sold 200,000 daily guest permit parking passes, generating approximately \$1 million, said Jay Rowell, deputy director in the City Clerk's office.

The cost of the guest passes increases to \$16 from \$10 for a book of 30. Mayor Daley originally had proposed doubling the cost. **LEONOR VIVANCO**



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City saves 'jumping jacks'

Chicago Tribune

The city's "jumping jacks" are safe, but Maxwell Street Market vendors will be paying the price.

Minutes before the full City Council convened Wednesday to approve Mayor Daley's \$6.2 billion 2009 budget proposal—it passed by a vote of 49-1—the Finance Committee voted to boost the fees on the vendors to raise enough money to save a popular block party freebie doled out by aldermen at the start of each year.

As a result of the effort designed to save "jumping jacks"—the inflatable, bouncy playgrounds at neighborhood block parties and festivals across the city during the warmer months—the annual application fee for a market license will likely triple to \$75 and the fee for an alternate license probably will more than triple to \$50.

Many aldermen said they feared the wrath of constituents if the program were canceled, as called for in the initial budget proposal.

To close a budget shortfall estimated at \$469 million, the city took what Ald. Robert Fioretti (2nd) described as a "nickel and dime" approach. The penny-pinching moves in the 2009 budget include slowing police hiring, laying off hundreds of city employees and increasing taxes on downtown parking and tickets to sports events and theater.

FEE FOR ALL

The City Council approved Mayor Daley's budget Wednesday. Property taxes aren't going up like a year ago, but other taxes and fees are. A look at what's going up:

» Tickets to major sporting events and concerts: amusement tax up one percentage point to 9 percent. Tax on smaller shows and plays up one percentage point to 5 percent.

» New annual fees on commercial trash bins: from \$80 for 1-cubic-yard containers to \$780 for containers larger than 10 cubic yards.

» Maxwell Street Market vendors: Fees triple to \$75 for annual license application to pay for the city's "jumping jack" program, which sends bouncy, inflatable playgrounds to neighborhood events.

» Increased parking fees and taxes. (See Pages 6-7)

Severe turbulence

Airlines, city disagree over O'Hare expansion

Chicago Tribune

As the first new runway in Chicago in 37 years is set to open Thursday, major airlines serving O'Hare have unanimously called for halting the next phase of the ambitious expansion project, according to documents the carriers filed with city and federal authorities.

American Airlines and United Airlines, the two largest airlines at the airport, said the O'Hare plan is flawed. They called Chicago's effort to move ahead with it "premature and inappropriate" because of the decline in air travel and the airline industry's uncertain future.

Delta Air Lines executives said Chicago failed to do its homework and they accused the city of mounting an "impulsive grab for [tax] funds."

Marking an unprecedented break with City Hall that contradicts the public appearance of solidarity on the \$15 billion O'Hare project, executives at six of O'Hare's largest airlines advised city planners in letters sent this summer to downsize the large-scale remake of the airport to better fit the new economic realities of the struggling industry. The Tribune this week obtained copies of the letters filed by American, United, Delta, Northwest Airlines, Continental Airlines and ANA-All Nippon Airways. An additional airline, Aer Lingus, did not provide reasons for its opposition.

The tough new airline stance went far beyond a longtime reluctance to commit financially to the project's second phase, which includes key runways needed to increase O'Hare's flight capacity.

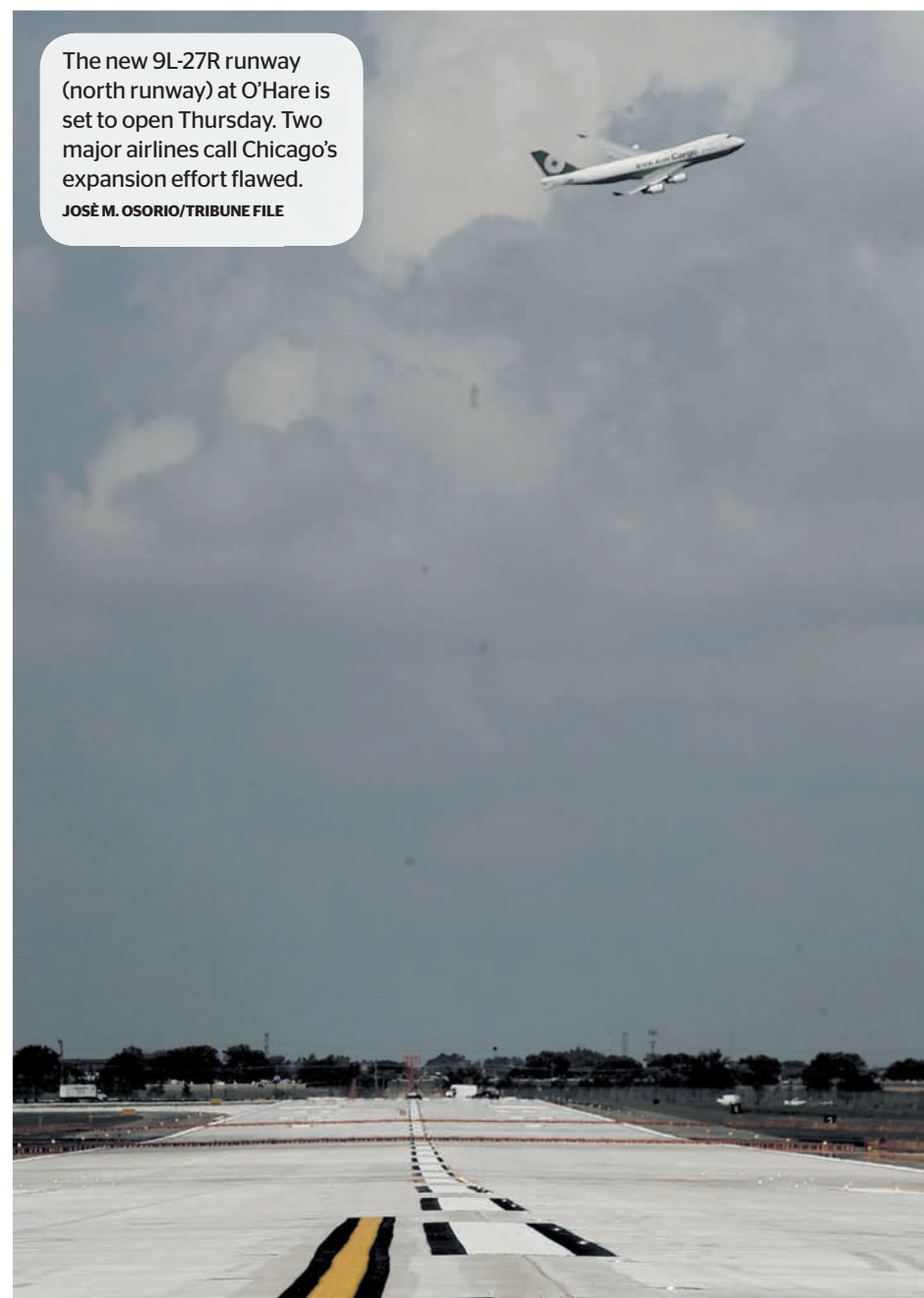
In a written response to the airlines' statements, the city told the FAA that the airlines let short-term financial concerns

BOLD VISION

The goal of the O'Hare project is to replace the airport's outmoded layout of intersecting runways with a parallel runway system that promotes more efficient arrival and departure of airplanes. New passenger terminals also are envisioned to balance the growth in airfield capacity.

The new 9L-27R runway (north runway) at O'Hare is set to open Thursday. Two major airlines call Chicago's expansion effort flawed.

JOSÉ M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE FILE



overshadow the long-term gains to be reaped from reconfiguring O'Hare.

The airlines' position poses the latest threat to Mayor Daley's efforts to modernize cramped and outdated facilities at O'Hare by 2014, a process critical to Chicago's bid to land the 2016 Olympics.

But American and United labeled the city's plan for a new passenger terminal on the west side of the airfield as "ill-conceived."

Seven years after Daley announced the project, the city has not landed a strategy to pay for all of it, despite acquiring hundreds of homes and businesses in Elk Grove Village and Bensenville for runways that may not be built.

The first new runway that opens Thursday on the northern flank of O'Hare is only designed to help reduce delays, and it barely will make a difference, according to the FAA.

'GTA IV' ads back on CTA buses

About six months after the CTA pulled ads for the violent but popular gangland video game "Grand Theft Auto IV," triggering a lawsuit from the game-maker and attracting national attention, billboards for the game have begun reappearing on the sides of CTA buses.

Take Two Interactive Software, whose subsidiary, Rockstar Games, publishes the title, filed a federal lawsuit in Manhattan district court in May shortly after the CTA acted.

It alleged that the CTA violated its contractual and constitutional rights by removing the ads, which were timed to appear around the game's release on April 29.

The lawsuit was settled in September, according to court records, and as part of the settlement agreement, the ads will reappear on buses for the next six weeks, CTA spokeswoman Noelle Gaffney said.

Gaffney explained on Wednesday that the ads did not violate the transit agency's guidelines but had been pulled following a spate of fatal shootings around the city.

In an e-mail, Take Two said that the terms of the settlement are confidential but that a replacement advertising campaign is running in Chicago.

"GTA IV" is likely the last installment of the game—which is rated "M," only suitable for those 17 and older—that will be advertised on the CTA.

Last week, the CTA board voted to ban advertising for video games rated "M" and above.

The ordinance, which takes effect Jan. 1, cites a "demonstrable correlation" between intensely violent video games and violent or aggressive behavior.



John Huston meets another park walker, Mary Ann Albright, who was curious about him dragging two tires through Lincoln Park on Wednesday. **TOM VANDYKE/TRIBUNE**

Tired of tire jokes?

When John Huston is doing his workouts, he often hears people yelling out: "Hey, dude, where's your car?" or "Did you lose a bet?"

Not such outrageous questions when you consider that Huston, a veteran dog sled racer, chains SUV tires together and drags them across grass or the sand by Lake Michigan.

The Glen Ellyn native and Chicago resident has led a dog sled team across Greenland and a ski expedition to the South Pole. Now he's spending hours every week dragging anywhere from two to five tires at a time to condition himself for his next big chilly adventure: hauling a sled 500 miles over the sea ice to the North Pole.

In March, Huston, 32, and a buddy, Tyler Fish, 35, plan to trek from northern Canada to the North Pole—while hauling all their supplies—making them the first Americans to ski there unsupported.

The two, who are interested in the impact of global warming on the Arctic, plan to make observations on sea ice thickness and quality, and to participate in a separate study of human performance in extreme environments.

Both Huston and Fish are experienced Arctic expeditioners. In 2006, Huston took part in a BBC televised re-enactment of Robert Scott and Roald Amundsen's race to the South Pole.

The number of 45-pound tires he uses depends on whether he is training for strength or endurance.

Every so often a passer-by, noticing the excruciating effort, will pump a fist and yell, "Respect!"

But more often, the numskulls speak up.

Huston did find the remarks funny. "The first time," he says, "not nearly as much the 50th time."

House passes Drew Peterson law

SPRINGFIELD The House on Wednesday voted 109-0 to put into law a bill that could affect a potential prosecution against former Bolingbrook Police Sgt. Drew Peterson in the cases of either one of his last two wives.

The bill, which is backed by the Will County state's attorney's office, would allow a judge to admit hearsay evidence for first-degree murder cases if the prosecution could prove that the defendant killed a witness to prevent testimony.

The House vote followed Senate approval

a week before. Their votes meant lawmakers accepted changes proposed by Gov. Blagojevich that allowed the law to become effective as soon as the House approved the measure.

Peterson's last two wives had told family and friends that they were fearful of Peterson, who is a suspect in the Oct. 28, 2007, disappearance of his fourth wife, Stacy Peterson. In addition, Stacy Peterson also told her minister that her husband had allegedly confessed to her that he killed his third wife, Kathleen Savio, according to the minister.

FBI seeks 'Surgeon Bandit'

The FBI is seeking the public's help in finding a man dubbed the "Surgeon Bandit," who the agency believes has robbed two suburban banks—one in Palos Heights and the other in Bloomingdale—since April. No injuries were reported in either robbery, where the man wears what appears to be a surgical mask. He is described as 30 to 40 years old, 5-foot-7 to 5-foot-9 with a stocky build. Anyone with information may contact the FBI at 312-421-6700.

Name change upsets some

The Chicagoland Bicycle Federation has grown over 23 years to become the leading voice for the bike riders of Chicago and surrounding areas. Now, the organizer of Bike the Drive and other cyclist-friendly events has changed its name and mission to include others seeking to escape their cars. But some members say they are worried about the broader direction and the sudden way in which the new name—Active Transportation Alliance—and mission was presented.

Officials say man found shot to death in Roseland

A man was found shot to death in a vehicle on the Far South Side on Wednesday, officials said. Officers found the man after the vehicle crashed in the 11100 block of South Emerald Avenue around 2:15 p.m., according to the Chicago Fire Department. The man has not been identified.

Cop fired over trail mix

A 22-year veteran Chicago police officer was fired last month over charges he stole a \$1 bag of trail mix from Walgreens. City attorneys alleged that Aaron Pena went to the Walgreens in the 1900 block of West Cermak Road in August 2007, bought two bags of trail mix and then took a third from the store without paying. But Pena said he didn't realize he left the store without paying for the item.

DIGIT

185

Downers Grove-based Sara Lee announced Wednesday it's closing a hot dog factory on the South Side, eliminating 185 jobs. The consumer-product giant said Wednesday that it intends to shutter its kosher hot dog and meat-processing facility in Chicago by Jan. 30 because it has decided to exit the kosher meat business. Sara Lee will also close an outlet store at the Chicago facility on Pershing Road.



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Prospects grim for auto bailout

5 WASHINGTON Congressional allies of the auto industry were rushing late Wednesday to put together a bipartisan aid package for faltering Detroit car companies, but lawmakers said they may leave town Thursday without taking action.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada sought to lower expectations of reaching a deal on the \$25 billion proposal before Congress quits for the year.

While he told the Senate he still hoped lawmakers could agree to an auto deal in the "next day or two" of the current lame-duck session, he added: "If we can't do it here legislatively, I would hope that the secretary of Treasury would listen loud and clear because they could take this into their own hands and do what I think is appropriate from their perspective."

Responded White House press secretary Dana Perino: "There's no appetite for that." She said it was up to Congress to act.

General Motors CEO Rick Wagoner told the House Financial Services Committee that a collapse of the U.S. auto industry could lead to a loss of 3 million jobs within the first year and ripple throughout communities around the nation.



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1 Agent fatally shot

An FBI agent trying to arrest a cocaine-dealing suspect Wednesday at a home in Glenshaw, Pa., was fatally shot by the man's wife, authorities said. Christina Korbe, 40, was charged with homicide in the death of Samuel Hicks, 33, who was taking part in a drug-ring roundup at the home of Robert Korbe, who was taken into custody on the drug charge.

2 Prop 8 suits heard

California's highest court has agreed to hear legal challenges to a new ban on gay marriage, but is refusing to allow gay couples to resume marrying until it rules. The California Supreme Court in San Francisco accepted three lawsuits Wednesday seeking to overturn Proposition 8.

3 Incredible Huck?

Mike Huckabee wouldn't rule out a 2012 run for president Wednesday, but he acknowledged it could be hard to take back the spotlight from fellow Republican Sarah Palin. "I'm not ruling anything out ... but I'm not making any specific plans," he told reporters at a briefing in Washington to promote his new book, "Do the Right Thing."

4 Deadly food fight

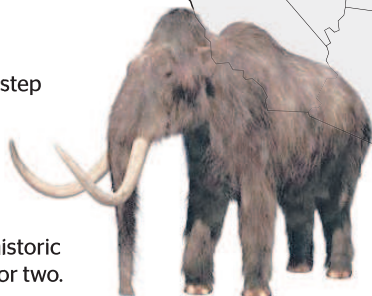
Authorities in Kemah, Texas, say a teenage boy fatally shot his father during an argument over a fast-food order, then killed himself. Robert Lee Mueller Jr., 16, had returned home with the wrong food order for his father, 59-year-old Robert Lee Mueller.

Lost in space

The astronaut who lost her tool bag on a spacewalk admitted Wednesday that she made a mistake by not checking to see if the sack was tied down, and said she's still smarting over the whole thing. Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper's bag was one of the largest items ever lost by a spacewalking astronaut.

Big hairy deal

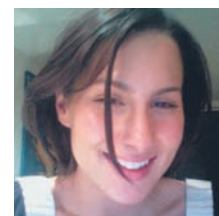
Bringing "Jurassic Park" one step closer to reality, scientists have deciphered much of the genetic code of the woolly mammoth, a feat they say could allow them to re-create the shaggy, prehistoric beast in as little as a decade or two.



AP

Recount under way

6 ST. PAUL City and county workers across Minnesota began a laborious recount Wednesday of more than 2.9 million ballots in the tight U.S. Senate contest between incumbent Republican Norm Coleman and Democrat Al Franken (above, in Washington). They have until Dec. 5 to complete the recount.



Dupre



Silda Wall Spitzer

Spitzer's wife gets apology from call girl

7 NEW YORK The prostitute at the center of the scandal that brought down former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer has apologized to his wife.

Ashley Alexandra Dupre tells People magazine that the FBI informed her in March that it was investigating one of her clients. A few days later, she found out which client when she recognized Spitzer on TV—resigning.

That was March 12, after revelations Spitzer had used Emperors Club VIP, where Dupre worked.

She says she was stricken by the pained expression on Silda Wall Spitzer's face. "I try not to revisit that place too often, but when I think about his speech, I think of her face, her eyes, the hurt," Dupre said.

Her message to Silda Wall Spitzer: "I'm sorry for your pain."

Dupre, 23, who was known then as Kristen, said she practiced safe sex with all her clients, including Spitzer.

Dupre also sat down with Diane Sawyer for an ABC "20/20" segment to be aired Friday. In that interview, ABC said, she describes how an "upper middle-class, girl next door got into the profession and the psychological journey she continues to experience."

HER FUTURE?

Call girl Ashley Alexandra Dupre envisions a future for herself in music, fashion and "writing books"—but not prostitution. "Never again," she says.



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Teens protest Ontario's proposed driving rules

1 Japanese girl makes pitch

The knuckleball—the fluttering, hard-to-hit pitch that's rare in the major leagues—is propelling a 16-year-old girl to the pros in Japan. This week, she broke the gender barrier by being drafted for an independent league team as Japan's first female professional baseball player.

2 No longer diseases

Swedish health officials say they will remove transvestism, fetishism and sadomasochism from the country's official list of diseases and mental disorders.

3 Blame in disaster

A police investigation found that 10 government and airline officials were to blame for Brazil's worst air disaster, saying they failed to properly train pilots, implement rainy day procedures or fully repair the airport's drainage system, authorities said Wednesday.

4 Trouble in the air

An Air Canada co-pilot having a mental breakdown had to be forcibly removed from the cockpit, restrained and sedated, and a flight attendant with flying experience helped the pilot safely make an emergency landing, an Irish investigation concluded Wednesday.

5 You sank my pirate ship

An Indian navy frigate on Tuesday battled with and sank a suspected Somali pirate "mother ship" in the Gulf of Aden, one of the world's busiest and most lawless shipping lanes, officials in New Delhi said Wednesday.

6 Missile strike

A suspected American missile bombarded a village deep inside Pakistani territory Wednesday, officials in Islamabad said, marking what appears to be the first time the U.S. has struck beyond the tribal belt bordering Afghanistan.

7 It's about time

Timepieces from a priceless collection stolen from a Jerusalem museum were discovered in French bank vaults, police said Wednesday, more than two decades after the heist.

8 TORONTO Canadian officials proposed tougher restrictions on teen drivers in Ontario, including a prohibition on new motorists 19 and younger from driving with more than one teenage friend, prompting thousands of young drivers to protest online.

The bill, introduced in the Ontario legislature Tuesday, also included a zero blood-alcohol limit for drivers younger than 21 and escalating sanctions for young drivers who speed, starting with a 30-day license suspension.

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty called the legislation a modest restric-

THE START

The new legislation was prompted by Tim Mulcahy, whose son and two young friends died after their car plunged into a lake in Ontario this summer after they had been drinking.

tion on the freedoms of young people and safe-driving advocates lauded the move, but it raised the ire of many young drivers.

Peter Robinson, 18, who created a group about the legislation on Facebook, said that while he agreed with some of the restrictions, the passenger limits represent

"the worst law ever made."

Alex Popescu, 17, said the law, if passed, would mean he wouldn't be able to bring his friend and girlfriend to parties and accused the officials of age discrimination.

"I passed my test just like any other person," Popescu said Wednesday. "I did good and I think I deserve to be able to drive with anybody I want."

Dominique Noel started an online petition Tuesday opposing the new restrictions on young drivers in Canada's most populous province. By Wednesday afternoon 3,563 people had signed it.



Secret's out at Gitmo

For the first time, defense lawyers have been allowed to see a section of the Guantanamo prison that is so restricted, even its location on the U.S. base is secret.

Two military lawyers for Ramzi Binalshibh, an alleged plotter of the Sept. 11 attacks, were granted 90 minutes on Tuesday evening to view Camp 7, a section for "high value" detainees that has been shrouded in mystery since it opened two years ago.

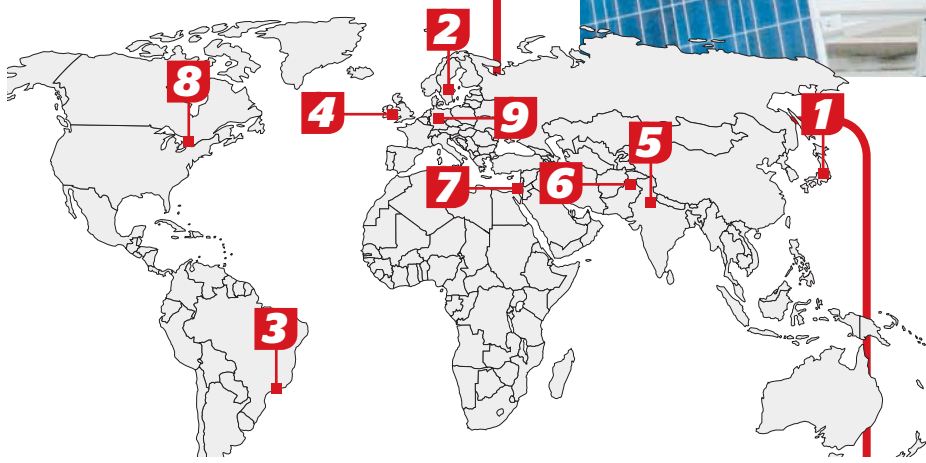
Both lawyers, Navy Cmdr. Suzanne Lachelier and Lt. Richard Federico, said they were barred from revealing what they saw on the tour.

"It was helpful. It was worthwhile," Lachelier told The Associated Press in one of the few comments she could make about the visit.

Binalshibh, who is from Yemen, was captured in September 2002 after a shootout in Pakistan. He has been in Camp 7 since September 2006, when the U.S. transferred a group of alleged terrorists to Guantanamo from secret locations overseas.

A little bit of sunshine

9 SOEMMERDA, Germany Roberto Chudzinski checks solar modules on the roof of Soemtron AG, a company that specializes in solar-powered technology. AP



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A funny thing happened ...

If the Bengals can play to a tie with the Eagles and the Steelers can win a game 11-10—the only time it's happened in the NFL—then who knows what might happen Thursday night. Here are a few really weird things that we'd like to see happen in the Bengals-Steelers game.

» Notorious attention-seeker Chad Johnson—excuse us, Chad Ocho Cinco—will score a game-winning TD as time expires for the Bengals, then calmly lay the football on the ground and walk to the sideline. After the game, he humbly will deflect media attention and praise his teammates, the NFL and the fans.

» Bengals running back Cedric Benson—better known as a first-round bust for the Bears—will set the NFL single-game rushing record as he attempts to outrun angry Bears fans.

» The teams will play to a tie. Ha! Like that could ever happen in the NFL.

» Bengals receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh (below) will be sidelined with a sprained tongue after he attempts to spell his name for an NFL Network sideline reporter.



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Whiz Quiz

Think you know your stuff? Test your sports smarts against RedEye's prognosticating pooch Whizzer.

Q: One of the receivers playing tonight leads the NFL in receptions. Who is it? Text "**pass**" and the number of your answer to **47383**. I'll text ya back to tell you if you got the answer right.

1. Heath Miller
2. T.J. Houshmandzadeh
3. Antonio Holmes
4. Chad Ocho Cinco
5. Hines Ward



THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

TWILIGHT END ZONE

Steelers, Bengals try to put strange games behind them

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH The Bengals are coming off the NFL's first tie in six years, and the Steelers are only a few days removed from the league's first 11-10 game since, well, never.

With little time for either team to recuperate or prepare, might something curious happen again when AFC North rivals Cincinnati (1-8-1) and Pittsburgh (7-3) play Thursday night? Like, perhaps, the Bengals actually making a game of it?

The NFL brags anything can happen on any given Sunday, but this is only Thursday, so maybe that's too much to expect.

Maybe not.

"I've learned to expect the unexpected," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said.

Pittsburgh losing to a Bengals team that didn't win until midseason would be more than surprising, given the Steelers' four-game winning streak in the series and their 38-10 win in Cincinnati last month.

Still, recent history presents a reason for the Steelers to be wary. A year ago this week, they had a 7-2 record before they played another one-win team, the Jets, yet lost 19-16 in overtime.

With the Steelers up by a single game over Baltimore (6-4) in the division, attempting to coast against a team that recently beat Jacksonville and surprised the Eagles by tying them 13-all Sunday might be risky.

"It's a rivalry game and it's a division game, so it means a lot to us in a tight division," left tackle Max Starks said. "Baltimore is not too far behind. You look at last year when we took (the Jets) for granted, and you saw what happened in that game."

The Steelers own the advantage of playing at home for the fourth time in five games, yet they lost there to the Giants (21-14) and Colts (24-20) and went to the final minute before beating San Diego 11-10 on Sunday on three field goals by Jeff Reed and a safety.

Despite having a 300-yard passer (Ben Roethlisberger), a 100-yard rusher (Willie Parker) and a 100-yard receiver (Hines Ward), the offense kept getting pushed back by penalties—115 yards in all—and never reached the end zone. Overall, the Steelers have gone nearly seven quarters without a touchdown.

That's reason enough for worry, even if the Bengals' league-worst offense looks unequipped to do much against a Steelers defense that is No. 1 against the rush, pass and overall and is allowing the second-fewest points.

Even with playmaking receivers T.J. Houshmandzadeh and Chad Johnson, er, Ocho Cinco around to stretch defenses, it might be too much to ask inexperienced quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick to get much going.

One extracurricular issue is whether the Bengals will target Ward for his crackback block that broke rookie linebacker Keith Rivers' jaw and ended his season.



Steelers receiver Hines Ward scores a touchdown in Pittsburgh's 38-10 win over the Bengals last month. **GETTY IMAGES FILE**



Ward's block was legal and he was not penalized or fined, but Bengals coach Marvin Lewis promises the NFL competition committee will address whether to outlaw such blocks.

"Unfortunately our player was injured, and you know there will be some revisions, I'm sure, to the rules, after the season," Lewis said. "It's an unfortunate incident and it occurred and it's done."

Unfortunately or not, the Bengals' season series with the Steelers isn't over yet. Pittsburgh has won four in a row, five of six and 13 of 17 against Cincinnati, yet Tomlin didn't go lightly on his players during the short work week.

Tomlin made them practice outdoors, with no sideline heaters, in anticipation of a game-time temperature around 30, a wind chill in the 20s and possible snow flurries.

"I guess he's trying to teach us a lesson," Parker said.

BEARS

Hester frustrated

Devin Hester's inability to excel in the return game this season appears to have taken a toll on the Bear.

"It's tough on me. I don't even like going outside now," Hester said Wednesday. "I just want to find that edge and overcome it."

Hester was asked if he has lost his confidence. Danieal Manning replaced him on kickoffs during the fourth quarter of Sunday's loss to the Packers.

"I haven't lost any confidence," Hester said. "I'm the type when I get my opportunity, I'm going to make the most of it."

Hester entered the season with 12 career returns for touchdowns, including a 108-yard return of a missed field goal and kickoff returns of 96 and 94 yards at St. Louis two seasons ago. His longest return this season is 51 yards.

"It just hasn't gone the way I thought it would," Hester said. "I could say it's my fault, but there are 11 guys on the field. [Still,] I know at the end of the day, I'll get blamed for the return game."

Metcalfe returns

Bears guard Terrence Metcalfe returned to practice Wednesday for the first time since serving a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's policy on steroids and related substances.

Metcalfe said he used the diet pill



Hester
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Phentermine, one of 11 generic stimulants banned in the policy. "It was something I didn't know about," Metcalfe said. "I just decided to go ahead and accept the suspension. I had no clue. And I had not taken it before. But stuff like that happens."

They oughta know

After Sunday's tie against the Bengals, Philadelphia QB Donovan McNabb—among others—admitted he didn't know an NFL game could end in a tie. He's not the only NFL player who doesn't know the rules. These guys don't know some things about the game either.

» Kurt Warner must not know that quarterbacks go to retire, not thrive, in Arizona.

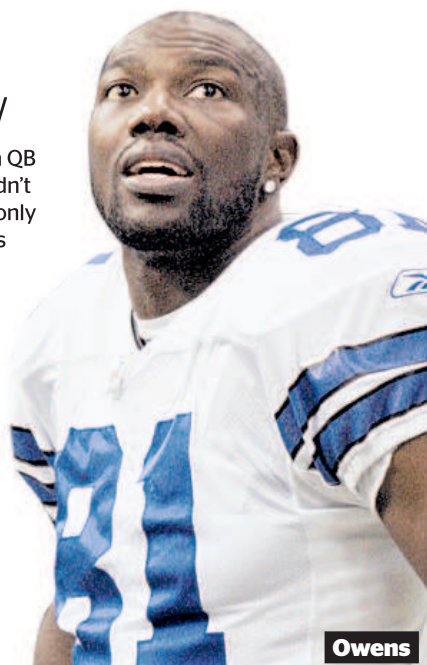
» Terrell Owens must not know that he can score more than 6 TDs in a season.

» Matt Cassel must not know he's playing quarterback now for New England.

» Brett Favre must not know that he should have retired after all.

» Pacman Jones must not know he's used up all his second chances.

» Devin Hester must not know that he is allowed to return a kick for a TD.



Owens

Barack says no to BCS

This is why I love Barack Obama. He's already strategizing to fix America's three biggest problems: recession, war and the BCS.

Surely, the president-elect was jesting when he said on "60 Minutes" he would to use his position to eradicate the Bowl Championship Series in favor of a college football play-off format.

"I think any sensible person would say that, if you've got a bunch of teams who play throughout the season and many of them have one loss or two losses, there's no clear, decisive winner, that we should be creating a playoff system," Obama said.

"I don't know any serious fan of college football who has disagreed with me on this. So I'm going to throw my weight around a little bit. I think it's the right thing to do."

Let's go down the list of things that will happen in the next eight years, presuming an Obama re-election, before a college playoff system really arrives, shall we?

» The elimination of the national deficit.

» Bill Clinton's lifetime pledge of faithfulness to Hillary.

» The Tampa Bay Rays actually win the World Series.

» Jessica Simpson has six children with Tony Romo.

» Michael Jordan returns to the Bulls.

» Angelina Jolie and Jennifer Aniston become BFFs.

» Sarah Palin loves the media and becomes a talk-show host.

Well, hey, maybe anything can happen.

McCready-Clemens TMI?

Defamed country music singer Mindy McCready still is talking about her creepy affair with a much older Roger Clemens.

McCready went on "Inside Edition" to set the record straight. Mainly, it's important for us to know their relationship started when she was 16, rather than 15. So basically she was more of a Miley Cyrus than a Dakota Fanning.

Glad she cleared that up. **SHANNON J.**

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1 Why does California need four NBA teams?	Groupie demand needs to meet groupie supply, even if "demand" includes Chris Kaman.	You know why we need a franchise in Sacramento? More cowbell.	D-list stars need something to do on Saturday nights.	One for each season: earthquake, wildfire, award and fall from grace.	The potential baby mamas in a state that big need a 48-man NBA roster to prey on.
2 What's happening in the United Center locker room while the circus is in town?	An elephant is demanding to know why the showers don't have Axe body buffers.	Jerry Krause comes out at night to feed on socks and leftover PowerBars.	The animals are listening to "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" on their iPods during pregame.	Sword swallowing, though I don't see the attraction.	A clown was mistaken for Jo Noah until the clown made a basket in the paint.
3 What prediction will Ryan Dempster make before next season?	If he wants to be right? That he'll be the team's closer again by May.	He predicts a fastball to the throat if he even thinks of saying "World Series."	The Cubs will win at least as many playoffs games as they did in 2008.	After last season's trash, get ready to see Dempster diving.	He'll gain 30 pounds in the off-season and go 6-15. Wait, that's my prediction.
4 If the Bengals have another tie this week against the Steelers, I'll perform an apathy dance in tribute to Ocho Cinco. It will incorporate flamingos.	... try to lift Bill Cowher's ginormous chin with one hand.	... be shocked they didn't get destroyed by the Steelers.	Hey, a tie would be nice for a Bengals fan. How about some pants too?	... eagerly await Donovan McNabb's next rant.
5 College basketball is in full swing. How are you enjoying it?	It's generally considered poor form to bring this subject up with a Northwestern fan.	I look forward to hearing Tyler Hansbrough's name more than my own, I really do.	I consider all college games exhibitions until after Thanksgiving.	Like a swing, the Gators will come back.	How? I'm not.



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Bidders for the Chicago Cubs have until Dec. 1 to submit offers, Major League Baseball said Wednesday after a meeting of its ownership committee. The Tribune Co. declined comment, spokesman Gary Weitman said.



WOLVES 5, LAKE ERIE 4
The Wolves scored five straight goals Wednesday night and held off the Lake Erie Monsters for the win at Quicken Loans Arena. Joey Crabb and Jamie Rivers led the Wolves with two points apiece.



Next game at Vanderbilt
7 p.m. Thursday

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

» The Bulls game at Portland did not end before press time.

Even if we couldn't wait for the games for this edition of RedEye, you can get the score by texting "late" to 47383. We'll send you the score instantly to your phone.

- » Northwestern 66, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 48
- » E. Illinois 82, Manchester 53
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TENNIS

Wimbledon to buy club for \$83 million

Wimbledon organizers will pay \$83 million to regain total control of the All England Club, buying back the 50 percent it gave away in 1934. The amount will be paid to Britain's Lawn Tennis Association in installments over a likely five-year period.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Final Four sites selected

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Nature calling

Ric Flair returns to Chicagoland for PCW event

By Elliott Serrano | FOR REDEYE

The Nature Boy is back in town. Former 16-time world heavyweight champ Ric Flair will be appearing at Professional Championship Wrestling's "4Ever Flair" at Oak Lawn Pavilion on Saturday. Flair, a.k.a. The Nature Boy, spoke to RedEye about the event, his current role in wrestling and his son Reid Flair:

How did you become involved with PCW?

I met the promoter at a function here in Charlotte in June. He spoke with my agent and struck a deal, and I've been looking forward to it ever since. It's my first time back to Chicago in a while. It'll give me a chance to interact with the fans who've supported me all the years, hopefully entertain them a bit, have a meet-and-greet, take pictures [and] share a little bit of my life with them. ... The Nature Boy has had a lot of fun in Chicago for sure.

Do you see yourself as an elder statesmen in wrestling, helping the young up-and-coming wrestlers along?

No. If that opportunity presented itself, I would, but I'm not working with anyone right now, other than my son (Reid Flair). I obviously still have a good relationship with the WWE, but I don't work in that capacity for them.

What do you feel has changed in wrestling over the years?

The biggest changes have been the marketing strategies, of course with cable television, pay-per-views, with their ability to make us [wrestlers] bigger than life. We are in my estimation is big as—well, let me put it like this—if Brian Urlacher made an appearance, he wouldn't get as many people as I did. (Laughs) I'm just kidding, I like Brian, but I'm just saying we put ourselves on the same level exposure-wise, so we're as big as any pro athletes in the world.



Ric Flair
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PCW'S 4EVER FLAIR

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday
Where: Oak Lawn Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Lawn
Tickets: \$15 at the door
pcwwrestling.net

What advice have you given your son Reid as he embarks on a pro wrestling career?

[Pro wrestling] is a very difficult life to be successful in. It's very demanding so you have to find something unique in yourself, not just skill and ability,

something about yourself that makes you a little bit different than anybody else. I've worked on that with him; he has incredible charisma about him already. [I tell him] don't stress himself out and try to compete with me, or to be like me in any capacity, like his old man. People put pressure on him to be like me, and I want him to be like me in some ways, but he needs to find his own character, his own persona, and he needs to pursue that. **ELLIOTT SERRANO IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

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Cincinnati at Pittsburgh

7:15 p.m. NFL NETWORK
If the Bengals can manage a tie in this game, someone should investigate.

NHL

Blackhawks at Dallas

7:30 p.m. CSN
It might be called the circus trip, but it's not all fun and games, people.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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First look

Province

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By M. Kathleen Pratt

It's a double-edged sword. When you're executive chef at a long-running, well-known restaurant, everybody knows who you are, if not by name, then by your style of food. And that's just the trouble: Everybody knows you by only that style of food.

So it's really no surprise that after a decade at Nacional 27, Lettuce Entertain You's Nuevo Latino concept, Randy Zweiban was eager to strike out on his own at his now month-old American cafe, Province.

"I've always dreamed about having my own restaurant, and I felt like at Nacional 27 that I was sort of in a box, sort of having to cook food that was only inspired by those regions," he says. "I wanted to be in a setting where I could do modern American food and use [Latin] flavors as a complement to it—not just have that be the only thing that I did."

Confession: We're as guilty as anyone of putting the guy in a box. When someone's been cooking at the same place for so long—and doing it so well—it's hard not to compartmentalize a bit. But our preconceptions had an unintended benefit: They made Province that much more surprising.

The name says it all. At 49, with decades of experience behind him, Zweiban finally has his own Province—and his own province. His West Loop domain is a casual spot, the sort of versatile space where you can grab a burger after work or plan a second date on a Friday night. It's also a green place, designed top-to-bottom with sustainability in mind, from the cork floors and tabletops to the all-draft beer list from Indiana brewery Three Floyds.

Now that he has a free hand in the kitchen, Zweiban goes

out of his way to acquaint you with his flavors. The dinner menu is designed for extensive sampling, with dishes divided into six main categories: bites, raw, soups and salads, small, big and bigger. Though the setup has free-for-all potential, servers work to control the progression and pace so the experience feels more like a multicourse meal than a never-ending snack.

A penchant for blending American with Spanish and South American flavors shows up from the get-go in bites (\$3 each) such as fall squash taquitos and pork bocadillos, little sandwiches of Cuban pulled pork, pepper jack cheese and Creole mustard aioli on melt-in-your-mouth toasted brioche buns.

The raw section showcases oysters, sashimi and ceviches (\$7-\$8), including a sable ceviche made with cold-smoked fish that provides a nice counterpoint to briny green olives and faintly sweet papaya. Soups and salads (\$7-\$8) include a popular blood orange and herbed goat cheese number, while small courses (\$7-\$9) bring on one of the best dishes we tried: sweet, subtly spiced shrimp over creamy organic grits (\$9).

Though Zweiban starts strong enough, he's really in his element by the time you reach the big and bigger dishes. Tender, slow-cooked beef cheeks arrive in a rich veal and red wine reduction spiked with a hint of cocoa (\$13), and salmon is slow-cooked in a low-temp, steam-injected oven, then seared to form a crisp crust on top before it's drizzled with tangy red wine mojo (half-portion \$12, full \$22). If you only have room for one big dish, make it the lamb shoulder, braised for 10 hours and served in a reduction of its own juices over a mix of cornbread, homemade chorizo and Chinese eggplant (half-portion \$12, full \$22).

It may be Zweiban's Province, but we're glad he's willing to share.

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Pillow talk

Circuit Night Club, 3641 N. Halsted St. 773-325-2233.

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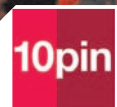
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MONDAY

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SUNDAY

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MONDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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MONDAY

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-\$5 Absolut Bloody Marys
-\$5 Brunch Menu until 2 pm

MONDAY

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-25¢ Buffalo Wings

3660 N. CLARK
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-\$10 All You Can Eat Brunch Buffet (11am-3pm)
-\$3 Coors Lt Drafts
-\$3 Bloody Mary's
-\$3 Mimosas
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SUNDAY

-\$10 All You Can Eat Brunch Buffet (11am-3pm)
-\$3 Miller Lt Drafts
-\$3 Bloody Mary's
-\$3 Mimosas
-\$3 Bombs
*Specials not valid during Cubs home games

MONDAY

-\$3 Burgers
-\$3 Chicken Caesar Wraps
-\$2 Miller Lite Bottles/Drafts
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SUNDAY

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SUNDAY

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-\$3 SoCo lime shots
-\$5 Bombs
-\$5 Jack
-Free Food buffet

MONDAY

-\$1 domestic drafts
-\$3 Effen cocktails

950 W. WOLFRAM
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SUNDAY

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MONDAY

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-22oz Bud draft (\$5 refill)

SUNDAY

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-\$5 Blood
-\$4 Screw

MONDAY

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MONDAY

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940 W. WEED
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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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MONDAY

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724 W. MAXWELL
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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

-\$4 Mimosas and Bloody Marys

MONDAY

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-25¢ Wings til 6pm

MONDAY

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SUNDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

-Bloody Mary Bar
-\$15 buckets \$4 drafts \$4 bombs

MONDAY

-\$15 Buckets
-\$4 Bombs

322 E. ILLINOIS
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SATURDAY

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-\$13 Domestic Buckets
-\$4 20oz. Miller Lite Drafts

SUNDAY

-Brunch with Mimosa Bar
-\$13 Domestic Buckets
-\$4 20oz. Miller Lite Drafts

MONDAY

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-\$2 Landsharks
-\$3 Coronas

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SATURDAY

IOWA FOOTBALL
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-\$5 Bombs

SUNDAY

-\$12 Coors/Lite Buckets
-\$4 22oz Lite Drafts
-\$3 Jameson
-\$5 Bombs
-\$5 Bloody Bar
-25¢ wings

MONDAY

-\$2 ALL Drafts
-\$2 Bacardi Drinks
-\$1 Mini Sandwiches

3616 N. CLARK
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SATURDAY

-\$15 Buckets of Coors light
-\$3 Miller lite pints
-\$1.50 mini cheeseburgers & \$1.50 cups of chili from 11-5

SUNDAY

-\$2.75 Miller Lt Pints
-\$6 Bloody Marys
-\$6 Cuervo margaritas, mojitos, raspberry vodka & lemonades
-\$14 Buckets of Corona/Corona Lt
-\$1.50 mini cheeseburgers & \$1.50 cups of chili from 11-5

MONDAY

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Now Thai this

By M. Kathleen Pratt

When a late-night fire engulfed Avondale's Manee Thai in early May, reinforcements arrived quickly. And we don't mean the fire department, though they were on the scene in full force. We're talking about a whole new restaurant.

After the fire, it was only a matter of months before Manee Thai #2 opened in West Town. (The second spot was in the works before the blaze.) While the owners work to rebuild the old location, with plans to reopen as early as January, the Chicago Avenue spinoff is filling in quite nicely.

Like the Northwest Side original, the new outpost offers better-than-average Thai food (as well as a smattering of Chinese, Japanese and Mongolian dishes) at lower-than-average prices—most are \$6.95-\$7.50.

You can easily order two entrees and spend less than \$20, but to get the most for your money, take advantage of the weekday lunch special. The \$6.50 deal, available 11 a.m.-3 p.m., includes an entree plus soup and an appetizer. You're at the kitchen's whim on the latter two items (the menu changes daily), though you'll likely end up with satisfying standards such as egg rolls and tom yum. Entree orders are confined to an abbreviat-

ed version of Manee's regular menu, but you won't want for options—nearly 30 dishes make the cut.

The kitchen makes a decent pad Thai, but if you like more heat, try the pad kee mao, a.k.a. spicy basil noodles. Or go for the panang curry. Manee's spicy-sweet version of this coconut milk-based standby is fragrant with curry spices, Thai basil and kafir lime.

Heat levels are fairly tame, but if you ask the kitchen to crank it up, they're happy to oblige. Of course, then you'll need a drink to quell the burn. Hot tea (\$1) is the practical choice. If you're up for a splurge, try one of the fruit-and-ice drinks. At \$3 each, they might put you over your \$20 limit, but it's worth it—and you can just consider it a donation to the reconstruction fund.

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2	\$6.50			
3	Lunch special with pad kee mao:			
4	\$6.50			
5	Hot tea: \$1			
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\$5 martinis; 4840 N. Broadway. 773-506-3100.

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\$5 Leinenkugel's pitchers, half-price appetizers; 3220 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-348-6088.

THE FRANKLIN TAP

\$2 Blue Moon, St. Pauli Girl and Miller Lite drafts; 325 S. Franklin St. 312-212-3262.

GOODBAR

\$2 Bud and Bud Light bottles, \$3 select cocktails, \$4 bombs; 2512 N. Halsted St. 773-296-9700.

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Drink specials include 50 cent Sparks cans and \$3 PBR drafts. \$5; 1270 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-342-5282.

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\$5 Love Boat lemonades and Rainbow Brite punch, half-price pizzas (4-7 p.m.); 160 E. Grand Ave. 312-755-9645.

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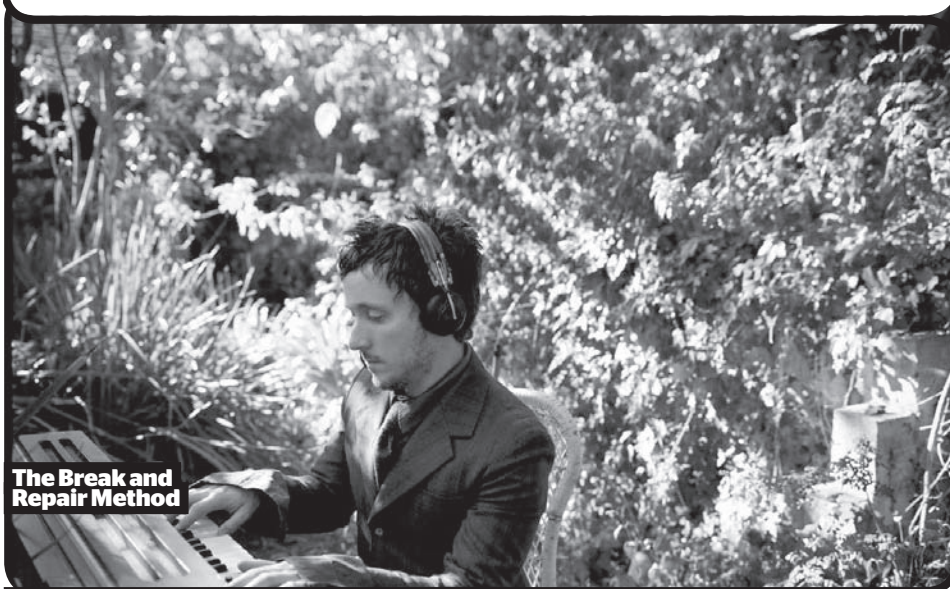
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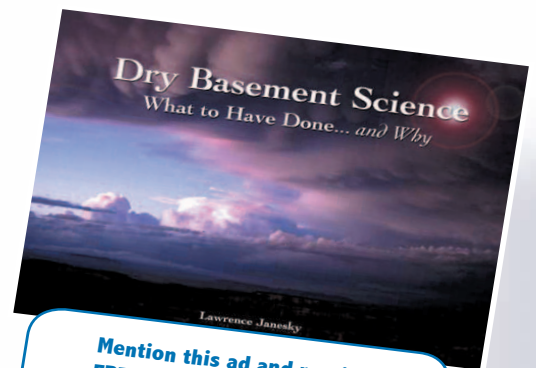
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8:30 p.m. \$8. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

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8 p.m. Free. Heartland Cafe, 7000 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-465-8005.

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7:30 p.m. \$35. Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave. 312-559-1212.

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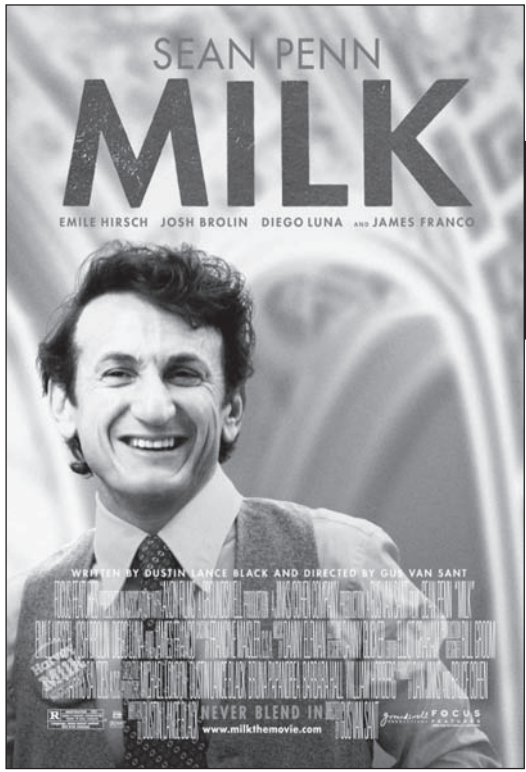
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- **Role Models** (R) 1:50,4:35,7:05,9:30
- **Haunting-Molly** (PG-13) 1:15,3:30,5:40,7:50,10:00
- **Saw V** (R) 1:10,3:15,5:20,7:40,9:55
- **HS Musical 3** (G) 1:40,4:20,7:10,9:50
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- **One Day You'll** (NR) 6:00,7:45
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- **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) 2:15,5:30,8:20
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- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 2:00,4:10,6:25,8:40
- **Burn After Rd.** (R) 2:00,4:05,6:05,8:10

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3733 N. Southport, Chicago
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- **Ashes of** (R) 5:20,7:30,9:40
- **Tell No One** (NR) 5:00,7:20,9:45

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- **Dostana** (NR) 6:30 P.M.
- **JCVD** (R) 1:00,3:10,5:15,7:30
- **AMC Select RocknRolla** (R) 1:00,3:55
- **I've Loved You** (PG-13) 1:30,4:10,6:45
- **AMC Select W.** (PG-13) 4:25,7:15
- **AMC Select Vicky Cristina** (PG-13) 2:10 P.M.

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
322 E. Illinois Street
847-765-7262
Show times change daily

- **Twilight** (PG-13) 12:01 A.M.
- **Striped Pajamas** (PG-13) 1:10,2:10,3:40,4:40,6:00,7:20,8:40
- **Quantum-Sol.** (PG-13) 1:00,1:30,2:00,2:30,3:00,4:00,4:30,5:00,5:30,6:00,7:30,8:00,8:30,9:30,10:30,11:00
- **Madagascar 2** (PG) 1:25,4:15,7:00,9:45
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- **Soul Men** (R) 1:05,3:50,6:20,8:50
- **Role Models** (R) 1:00,2:15,3:30,5:05,6:05,7:50,8:55
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- **AMC Select Changeling** (R) 1:15,2:00,5:10,7:20,8:20
- **Zack and Miri** (R) 1:50,4:20,6:50,9:20
- **HS Musical 3** (G) 1:05,3:45,6:45,9:30
- **AMC Select Let the Right** (R) 1:10,4:10,7:10,10:10
- **AMC Select W.** (PG-13) 1:20,7:15
- **AMC Select Rachel Getting** (R) 1:50,4:35,7:20,10:05
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 4:25 P.M.

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)
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- **Twilight** (PG-13) ★ 12:01
- **Quantum-Sol.** (PG-13) ★ 12:30,1:10,1:40,2:10,3:30,4:00,4:30,5:00,6:20,6:50,7:20,7:50,9:10,9:40,10:10,10:40

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- **Twilight** (PG-13) ★ 12:01,12:02
- **Quantum-Sol.** (PG-13) ★ 12:40,1:40,2:20,3:30,4:30,5:15,6:30,7:20,8:00,9:30,10:10,10:40
- **Madagascar 2** (PG) ★ 12:20,1:30,2:40,4:00,5:00,6:40,7:15,9:00,9:40
- **Role Models** (R) ★ 2:10,5:20,7:50,10:20
- **Changeling** (R) 12:30,2:50,3:40,6:10,7:00,9:20,10:05
- **Zack and Miri** (R) 2:30,5:10,7:40,10:15
- **HS Musical 3** (G) 1:10,3:50,6:50,9:50
- **Body of Lies** (R) 1:50,4:40,7:30,10:30

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)
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- **Twilight** (PG-13) 12:01
- **Quantum-Sol.** (PG-13) 1:20,1:50,4:00,4:30,6:50,7:20,9:40,10:10
- **Madagascar 2** (PG) 12:20,12:50,2:00,2:40,3:10,4:20,5:00,5:30,6:40,7:10,7:50,9:10,9:50,10:20
- **Role Models** (R) 1:30,4:40,7:30,10:00
- **Soul Men** (R) 12:45,1:40,3:30,4:10,6:20,7:00,9:00,9:45
- **Haunting-Molly** (PG-13) 1:15,3:40,6:45,9:30
- **Zack and Miri** (R) 2:30,5:10,7:40,10:30
- **Pride and Glory** (R) 1:00,4:15,7:15,10:15
- **HS Musical 3** (G) 1:10,3:50,6:30,9:20
- **Saw V** (R) 2:40,5:15,7:45,10:20
- **Max Payne** (PG-13) 2:15,5:20,8:00,10:40

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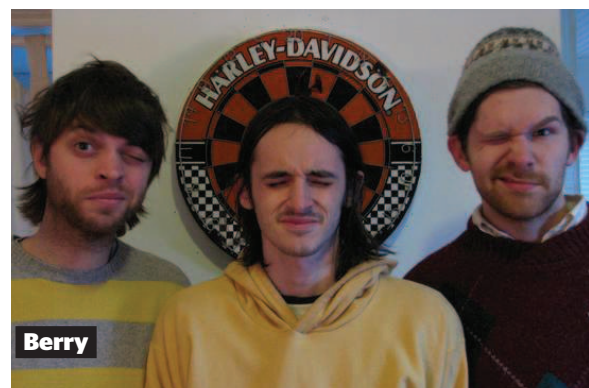
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- **Role Models** (R) ★ 1:50,4:45,7:30,10:00
- **Soul Men** (R) ★ 12:50,1:20,3:30,4:10,6:45,7:15,9:20,9:55
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- **Zack and Miri** (R) 2:20,5:15,8:00,10:30
- **HS Musical 3** (G) 1:15,4:15,7:00,9:50
- **Saw V** (R) 2:40,5:10,7:45,10:20

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- **Quantum-Sol.** (PG-13) 12:00,2:20,4:40,7:00,9:20
- **Madagascar 2** (PG) 1:05,3:10,5:15,7:20,9:25
- **Rachel Getting** (R) 2:10,4:40,7:10,9:40
- **Changeling** (R) 1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00
- **Zack and Miri** (R) 5:10,9:45
- **HS Musical 3** (G) 1:55,4:20,6:45,9:10
- **Secret of Bees** (PG-13) 12:10,2:35,7:25
- **Twilight** (PG-13) 12:01 Midnight

EVANSTON CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)
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- **Bolt** (PG) ★ 12:01 Midnight
- **Morning Light** (PG) ★ 4:00,9:50
- **Quantum-Sol.** (PG-13) ★ 12:00,12:50,1:50,2:40,3:40,4:30,5:20,6:20,7:10,8:00,9:00,9:50,10:40
- **Striped Pajamas** (PG-13) ★ 12:10,2:40,5:05,7:30,9:55
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- **Changeling** (R) 12:20,3:30,6:40,9:45
- **Happy-Go-Lucky** (R) ★ 12:55,4:20,7:10,10:00
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- **Slumdog Mill** (R) ★ 1:10,1:45,4:05,5:25,7:00,8:20,10:05
- **Soul Men** (R) ★ 11:50,5:05,10:15
- **Synecdoche** (R) ★ 12:45,4:10,7:20,10:10
- **Secret of Bees** (PG-13) 2:20,7:35
- **W.** (PG-13) 12:50,6:50
- **Zack and Miri** (R) 11:55,2:35,5:10,7:45,10:15



On the right track

Berry take their show on the road via Amtrak

By Jennifer Wagner
FOR REDEYE

With times being so tough, the phrase “necessity is the mother of invention” has never rung more true—especially in the case of one resourceful local band.

Berry vocalist/guitarist Joey Lemon, keyboardist Matt Aufrecht and drummer Paul Goodenough a year and a half ago moved to Chicago from the Greater St. Louis area, where they met at Greenville College.

Their new urban lifestyle mandated that they do some paring down.

“As soon as we all moved here, we all pretty much ditched our cars,” Aufrecht said.

A trio without a vehicle and wishing to tour, Berry hit upon an inventive scheme: They decided to take their show on the road via Amtrak. But to pull that off they had to learn to travel



light.

“We stripped down very seriously. Paul’s drums—it’s like a kids’ drum set,” Lemon said. “It looks pretty tiny from what you might be used to, but he definitely makes it work.”

The band visited 20-plus cities in a month, covering the Midwest and western U.S. They scheduled their tour around the train route, Lemon said.

Traveling by train can be uncomfortable, but Aufrecht took the cramped quarters in stride.

“You get used to it; by the end I had it all worked out how to fit and feel perfectly comfortable. You kind of curl up in a ball.”

When the boys aren’t riding the rails, they’re busy in the studio: They have released 10 albums. Their most recent offering, “Deanimminevitabilitated,” dropped earlier this year.

Aufrecht said the mouthful of a title was his idea.

“I thought it would be kind of funny to spin off the idea of the ‘Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious’ thing.”

Listen to Berry’s song “Flounder” at redeyechicago.com/chitunes.

JENNIFER WAGNER IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

SNAP JUDGMENT

88-Keys

“The Death of Adam”

The concept CD from rapper/producer 88-Keys is a collection of 14 tunes that tell funny, yet serious stories about relationships through the eyes of Adam. In Adam’s world, there are different Eves—women who try and control, seduce or hoodwink him in some way. But as Adam finds, it’s hard not to succumb to their charms. Overall, his exploration of the ways of women is hilarious and “The Death of Adam” is as good as your favorite audio book.

MESFIN FEKADU, AP



On the download

top downloaded songs from Nov. 11-18

Chicago Top 10

No.	Song, Artist	LW
1	“Can’t Believe It” T-pain	7
2	“Whatever You Like” T.I.	2
3	“Hot N Cold” Katy Perry	4
4	“Let It Rock” Kevin Rudolf	5
5	“Miss Independent” Ne-Yo	14
6	“Right Now (Na Na Na)” Akon	26
7	“Live Your Life” T.I. w/ Rihanna	13
8	“Forever” Chris Brown	3
9	“My Life” The Game	9
10	“Disturbia” Rihanna	6

National Top 10

No.	Song, Artist	LW
1	“Can’t Believe It” T-pain	6
2	“Whatever You Like” T.I.	1
3	“Miss Independent” Ne-Yo	11
4	“Hot N Cold” Katy Perry	4
5	“Right Now (Na Na Na)” Akon	30
6	“Let It Rock” Kevin Rudolf	3
7	“Live Your Life” T.I. w/ Rihanna	13
8	“Swing” Savage	170
9	“So Fly” Slim	23
10	“My Life” The Game	9

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Axl's arsenal

Guns N' Roses has had a revolving lineup of musicians since the band last released a studio album in 1993, but here are the players fans most likely will hear on "Chinese Democracy."

BRIAN MOORE

GUITAR

Buckethead: The enigmatic, avant-garde guitar player (right) has gained fame recently after being featured in Guitar Hero, but it is his image—he wears an expressionless mask and a bucket atop his head—that draws the most passionate response, both negative and positive. He is no longer in the band but plays lead guitar on much of the CD.

Robin Finck: Also apparently out of the band, Finck had been the guitarist saddled with replicating the classic GN'R sound. He contributes bluesy solos not unlike Slash did in the old days. Finck has most recently been touring and recording with Nine Inch Nails.

Richard Fortus: Fortus is most responsible for laying down the rhythm guitars on "Chinese Democracy." He has played with The Psychedelic Furs, Love Spit Love and toured with Rihanna.

Brian May: The legendary Queen guitarist originally played the guitar solo on "Catcher in the Rye," one of the most well-received leaks.

Ron "Bumblefoot" Thal: Joined the band before a world tour in 2006. The virtuoso fills Buckethead's role on stage and plays both rhythm and lead on "Chinese Democracy."

BASS

Tommy Stinson: One of the founding members of The Replacements, one of alternative rock's most influential bands in the 1980s. He has been with GN'R since the late-1990s.

DRUMS

Brain: A frequent collaborator with Buckethead, Brain's most notable pre-GN'R gig was with Primus. He's currently in a new band with Buckethead and Bootsy Collins called Science Faxtion.

Frank Ferrer: The veteran of acts such as Love Spit Love and The The was brought in to the GN'R fold when Brain left in 2006 to be with his newborn daughter and wife.

KEYBOARDS

Dizzy Reed: The only member still left from GN'R's glory years of the early 1990s.

SYNTHESIZER

Chris Pitman: Another experimental musician, Pitman, a former member of Lusk and the Replicants, adds a combination of effects and sounds to "Chinese Democracy."



Axl Rose performs at MTV's Video Music Awards in 2002.
GETTY IMAGES FILE



Twitter democracy

We asked RedEye's Twitter followers: Do you think Guns N' Roses' album "Chinese Democracy" will help bring democracy to China? Here's what they said. Join the democracy now at twitter.com/redeyechicago.

>> **@emstoehr** clearly, the only thing keeping china from becoming a democracy was that album. They've secretly just been waiting for it.

>> **@adistas** Only in the way that Supertramp helped bring breakfast to America ... which is to say, no, not much.

>> **@evyish** No, but it might bring them more Dr Pepper?

>> **@dylanorion** well, only if 'American idiot' makes all of us into idiots..... Wait.....

>> **@sloney** If the Chinese are interested in suck, then sure.

>> **@RoboElectric** No but if it actually finally gets released it will at least bring America a free Dr. Pepper.

There was a time

If it seems like the last time Gun N' Roses released a studio album it was a completely different world, that's because it was. Here's a sampling of what has happened since GN'R's "The Spaghetti Incident" dropped on Nov. 23, 1993.

BRIAN MOORE, REDEYE

Nov. 23, 1993

Miley Cyrus celebrates her first birthday on the same day "The Spaghetti Incident" is released.



April 5, 1994

Nirvana singer Kurt Cobain, whose band had an infamous on-air feud with Axl Rose during the 1992 MTV Video Music Awards, commits suicide.



Sept. 11, 2001

The terror attacks on the U.S. kill almost 3,000 people.

Aug. 29, 2002

Jimmy Fallon introduces a bloated Rose, who screams a medley of GN'R hits. Only Britney Spears' infamous return to the VMA stage in 2007 was more shocking.



The rise of 'Democracy'

Welcome to the jungle ... again. Guns N' Roses returns

From staff and wire reports

To call Guns N' Roses' "Chinese Democracy" the year's most anticipated album might be stretching it, considering it has taken the band 15 years and a reported \$13 million to make, remake and finally release it.

The band's original teen fans have grown up and are now in their 30s, and many may have lost interest as the band imploded, reformed and now is essentially Axl Rose and a bunch of guys. The endless delays of "Chinese Democracy" didn't help much either.

Band managers Irving Azoff and Andy Gould are hyping the new disc, the group's first since 1993's "The Spaghetti Incident" and the first with all new material since 1991's "Use Your Illusion I" and "II," promising that "longtime fans will be rewarded for their patience and loyalty to this great band."

The album drops Sunday exclusively at Best Buy and on iTunes. Four new songs already are out—"Shackler's Revenge" from the Rock Band 2 video game, "If the World" from the movie "Body of Lies" and the radio singles "Chinese Democracy" and "Better."

Dr Pepper even got in on the GN'R action, promising a free liter of pop to anyone who registers at drpepper.com on Sunday only.

These are the most promising developments for the band's fans, many who remember the train-wreck 2002 "Chinese Democracy" tour, when the temperamental Axl didn't show up for the opening concert in Vancouver, resulting in a fan riot outside GM Place.

Now Axl is back, and from early reviews of "Chinese Democracy," he may be almost as good as ever.

SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, REDEYE CONTRIBUTED.

Let's review

The reviews for "Chinese Democracy" have been pouring in over the past few days. Here are snippets from some of the early reviews.

"The first Guns N' Roses album of new, original songs since the first Bush administration is a great, audacious, unhinged and uncompromising hard-rock record. In other words, it sounds a lot like the Guns N' Roses you know. At times, it's the clenched-fist five that made 1987's perfect storm, 'Appetite for Destruction'; more often, it's the one sprawled across the maxed-out CDs of 1991's 'Use Your Illusion I and II,' but here compressed into a convulsive single disc of supershred guitars, orchestral fanfares, hip-hop electronics, metallic tabernacle choirs and Axl Rose's still-virile, rusted-siren singing."

DAVID FRICKE, ROLLING STONE

"An outrageously overblown pop-metal extravaganza, 'Chinese Democracy' feels like a perfect epitaph for all the absurdity and non-sense of the George W. Bush era."

MIKAEL WOOD, SPIN

"Songs like 'IRS' and 'Raid N' The Bedouins' are lean and compact, edited down to the bare essentials, packing the maximum punch per pound. But let's be clear, this is by no means the equal of the 28 million-selling 'Appetite For Destruction,' nor does it contain anything as radio-friendly as 'Paradise City' or 'November Rain.'"

MARK SAVAGE, BBC NEWS

"'Chinese Democracy' is lavish, ludicrous ... and quite brilliant. No one else on the planet is making music like this at the moment, and label Universal are so confident that they have pressed an unprecedented 3 million copies ahead of the CD's release. The fact Axl is the only one left from the original lineup won't stop it from flying off the shelves."

GORDON SMART, THE SUN

Oct. 3, 1995

A jury finds O.J. Simpson not guilty of murdering his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Aug. 1, 1996

U.S. track star Michael Johnson wins the 200 meters and sets a world record at the Atlanta Olympics. If only Axl could record his vocals that quickly.

Feb. 22, 1997

Send in the clones. Scientists in Scotland announce the birth of the world's first successfully cloned mammal, Dolly the sheep.

Sept. 4, 1998

Google is founded. Workers all over the world find endless new ways to waste time.



April 20, 1999

Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold massacre 12 students and a teacher at Columbine High School in Colorado.

Nov. 7, 2000

Americans go to the polls to elect a president, but the winner of the George W. Bush vs. Al Gore election would not be known for weeks.

1995

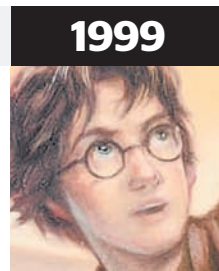
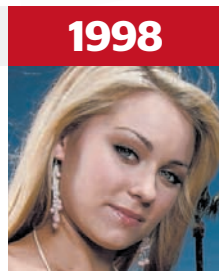
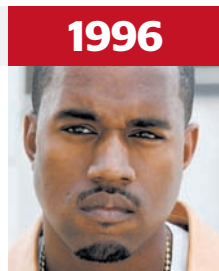
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March 3, 2003

The musical "Chicago" wins the Oscar for best picture.

Feb. 10, 2004

Kanye West's debut CD, "The College Dropout," is released. He barely had an ego back then.

Feb. 15, 2005

YouTube debuts. If you go there now, you can find live versions of the songs that will appear on "Chinese Democracy."

May 31, 2006

"The Hills" premieres on MTV. Although he lives in the general area, Rose has yet to show up hanging out at Le Deux.

July 21, 2007

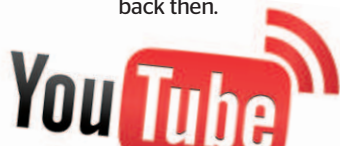
"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," the seventh and last book in the series, arrives in bookstores. Sales of black, round eyeglasses soar.

Nov. 4, 2008

Barack Obama is elected president.

Nov. 23, 2008

The long-awaited "Chinese Democracy" drops exclusively in Best Buy and on iTunes.



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Bad economy leads to great travel deals

Associated Press

Hotels, resorts and other vacation destinations are feeling the effects of the economic downturn. That's good news for travelers.

When the economy was booming, many hotel companies began building new properties. Some of those are opening now, resulting in a 2.5 percent increase in hotel room supply this year, just as demand is dropping by

around 1 percent or more, according to Jan Freitag of Smith Travel Research.

"We're going to see a substantial decline in occupancy this year," agreed Bjorn Hanson, an associate professor of hospitality and tourism at New York University's Tisch Center.

Excess supply means opportunities for consumers. Here are some strategies for booking hotels on a budget.

Basics

It's generally cheaper to stay in major cities on weekends, when there are fewer business travelers, and in resort areas on weekdays and offseason, when there are fewer tourists.

Visitors to urban centers may save by booking outside main tourist areas, but research the cost and time of commuting in each day, to make sure the trade-off is worth it.

You'll also pay less outside of peak holiday time, and some new hotels charge lower introductory rates.

Rewards programs

Most hotel chains have loyalty or frequent guest programs that allow you to use points for free nights. Joining usually costs nothing; points accumulate and often don't expire; and most hotel chains now have no blackout dates for using points to book rooms.

Many hotel chains offer co-branded credit cards with enough bonus points for a free night.

For overviews of what each hotel credit card offers and how many dollars you must spend to accumulate more points, check out creditcards.com/travel-rewards.php.

Booking

Joe McNerney, CEO of the American Hotel & Lodging Association, says your first stop should be the hotel's own Web site. "That's where you're going to get the best price," he said.

In addition, Hanson said, "most brands have a guarantee that if you find a lower rate, they'll match it or pay the difference, or you can stay for free."

Ask for discounts for AAA membership, military service or corporate rates. Alternatively, figure out how much you want to pay, the type of hotel you'd like to stay in, and bid for a room through a booking site like **priceline.com**. You won't know which hotel you're staying at until after you've paid, but you can specify the category of hotel using the star-ratings system.

Another strategy: See what rates are offered at specific hotels online, "then call the hotel directly" and ask if there's a lower rate, Hanson said.



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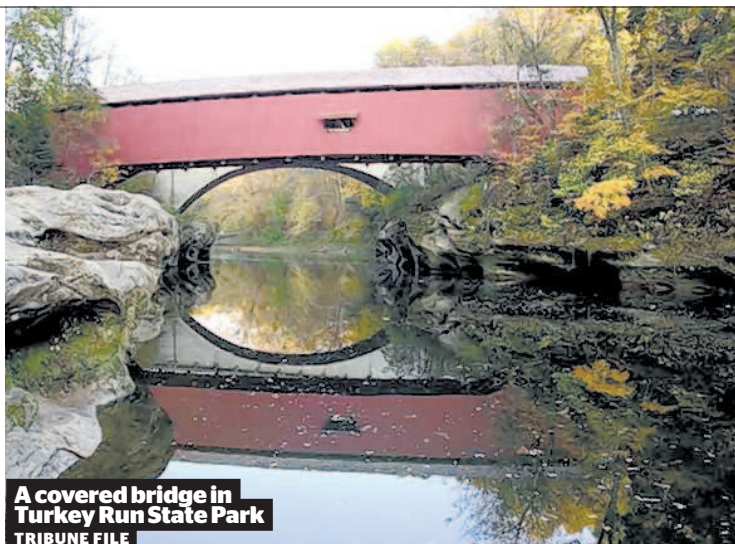
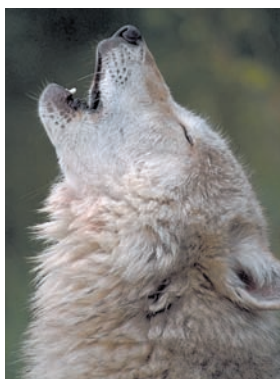
A howling good time

The International Wolf Center, located in the Superior National Forest near Ely, Minn., is dedicated to teaching the public about wolves. Among the center's winter programs is "Mush with Dogs, Howl with Wolves," a two-night get-away that involves snowshoes, dog sleds, radio telemetry and, of course, plaintive howling with wild wolves after dark.

Dates for the mushing-howling weekends are Feb. 13-15 and Feb. 20-22, with a special family version set for Jan. 17-19. Adult fees are \$470; children on the family adventure are priced at \$420 each. The cost covers cabin lodging, meals and activities. Warm clothing is essential.

Other upcoming Wolf Center programs are "Tracking the Pack" Feb. 5-8 and "Moose-Wolf Interactions" Feb. 27-March 1. (wolf.org, click on Wolf Country Learning Vacations)

Prices generally are per person double and based on availability. **TRIBUNE**



A covered bridge in Turkey Run State Park
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Chicago Tribune

Madison County's six covered bridges got all the ink and lured romantics (and Clint Eastwood) to Iowa—but 31 covered bridges are scattered about in Parke County, Ind., near Terre Haute. You won't find many counties in the region as purely rural and unslick as this one, not even in Indiana.

5 reasons to go

1 Covered bridges

Find a map in Rockville and meander along the country lanes in search of favorites. Locating most is easy, but some are a challenge; parkecounty.com/attractions/covered_bridges.asp

2 Turkey Run State Park

A nature preserve near Marshall with ample bits of civilization, including an inn and golf course; turkeyrunstatepark.com

3 Bridgeton Grist Mill

Alongside the especially beautiful Bridgeton Bridge (rebuilt after a 2005 fire), the lovingly restored and functioning building dates to 1870, its predecessors to 1823; bridgetonmill.com

4 Covered Bridge Festival

For a week or so each October, this placid county turns itself into an almost non-ending flea market, drawing as many as 2 million visitors; parkecounty.com/events

5 Parke County Golf Course

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eHarmony set to launch same-sex site

Associated Press

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The settlement is the result of a complaint New Jersey resident Eric McKinley filed against the online matchmaker in 2005. McKinley, 46, said he was shocked when he tried to sign up for the dating site but couldn't get past the first screen because there was no option for men seeking men.

"It's very frustrating and it's very humiliating to think that other people can do it, and I can't," he said. "And the only reason I can't is because I'm a gay man. That's very hurtful."

eHarmony said it plans to launch Compatible Partners on March 31. The site will be free for the first 10,000 users who register within a year of its launch. After that, pricing for the new site will be equal to that of eHarmony.



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**What is the
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Say hi or head
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My ex-files encounter

Have you ever gotten to a point where you've put something behind you and moved on, only to be confronted with it again and all the old emotions come rushing back? I recently was sitting in the Pittsburgh International Airport, ready to fly back to Chicago from a visit home with the folks, when I thought I saw my ex, "Kenny," at the next gate.

I immediately was filled with a flood of emotions from anxiety to excitement. I wasn't sure what to do: Part of me wanted to turn the other way and run, but a stronger part of me wanted to say hello.

I said to my partner, "I think my ex is over there; I am going to investigate. Put out an alert if I'm not back in 10 minutes."

What is the right thing to do when you come face-to-face with an ex: Say hi or head for the hills?

A friend of mine, Sarah, practically has an anxiety attack whenever she spots an ex, regardless of whether the relationship ended poorly or not. She usually runs the other way to avoid an awkward scene.

I have run into an ex only once. It was awkward and not something I would want to make a habit of doing.

The emotions that arise when spotting an ex are most likely tied to residual feelings. Either you still hold the torch for the person or you want to push that ex off the "I" platform.

In my case, it was a little bit of both. I am not inter-

ested in Kenny anymore, but he was my first gay relationship, so there will always be that connection.

Pretending to go to the restroom, I surreptitiously walked past him and quickly ducked behind a post and peered at him. I still wasn't sure it was him, but my heart was racing.

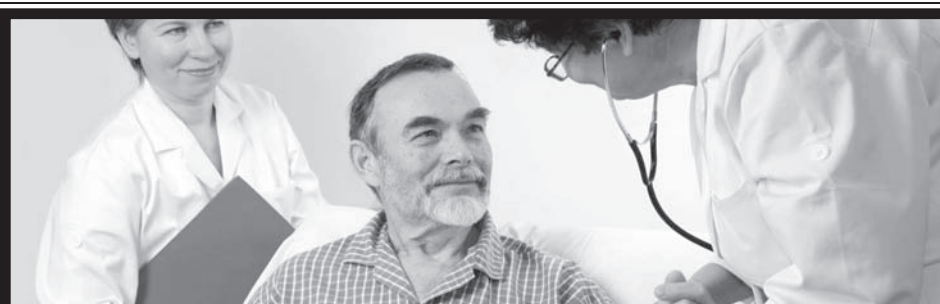
I hadn't seen or heard from Kenny in about 12 years. The relationship had ended badly. He had started to act a little weird toward me and everyone around him. He was fired from his job, and he was humiliated when his friends and family discovered he had made a very amateur gay porn film (which, of course, I have a limited edition VHS copy of).

He then moved to Georgia. As far as I know, July 1996 was the last time any of us had heard from him.

I eventually mustered up the courage to come out from behind the pole and walk directly at him. Despite my nerves, I was prepared to say hello. As I reached him, I opened my mouth to speak when he looked right at me and I realized, without a doubt ... that the man was not Kenny. I made an abrupt 90-degree turn and walked back to my seat.

In the end, I was disappointed this guy wasn't Kenny. I wanted to see him, not to prove I am better off without him but to genuinely see how he was doing.

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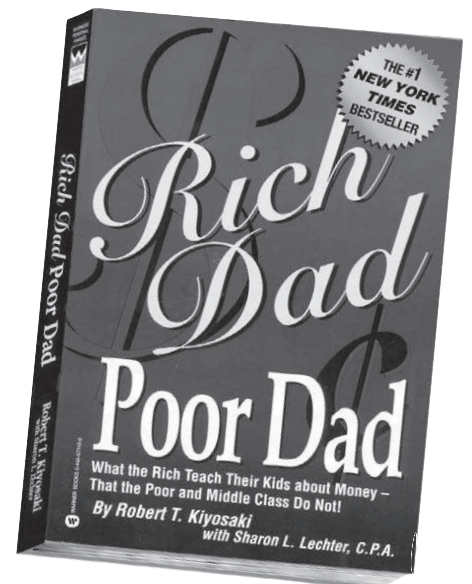
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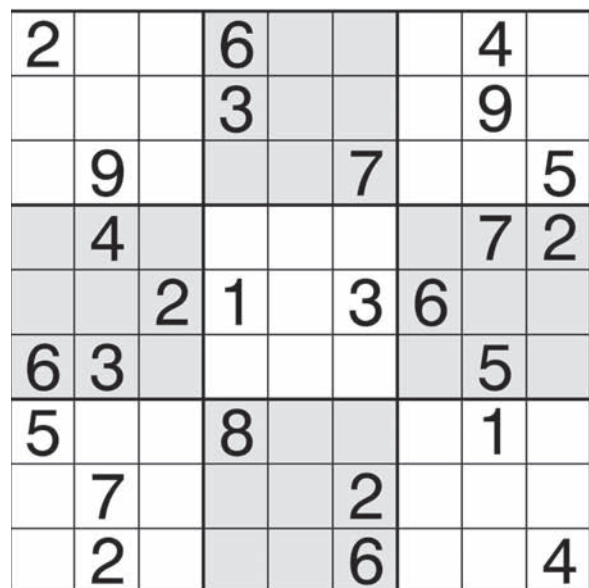
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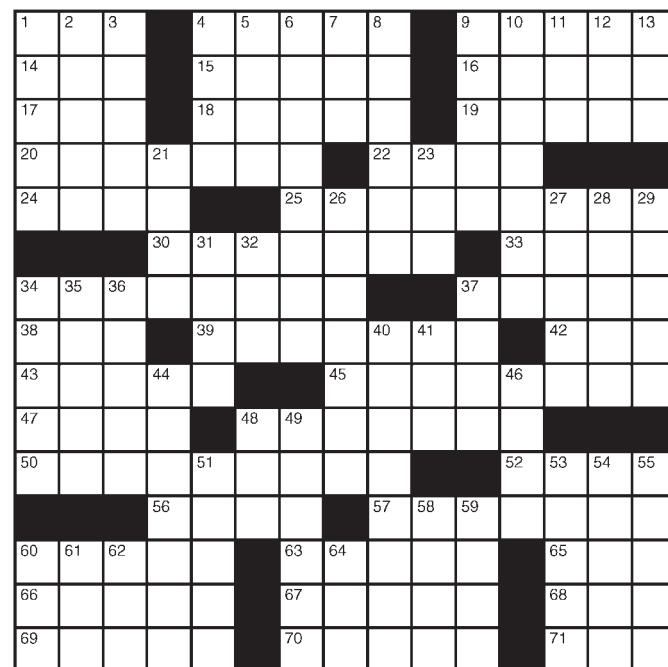
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Queen of tots

Suri Cruise tops list of celebrity kids

Associated Press

Suri Cruise is the most popular kid on the playground. The 2-year-old daughter of Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes tops **forbes.com's** second annual list of "Hollywood's 10 Hottest Tots." **Forbes.com**, which ranked celebrity children 5 years old and younger based on media attention and their parents' popularity, said Suri—known for her stylish outfits and haircut—popped up in more news articles and blogs than her peers. Three of Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt's six children made the list: Shiloh Jolie-Pitt, 2, is in second place after coming in first last year; Zahara Jolie-Pitt, 3, is in third place; and Pax Jolie-Pitt, 4, is fourth on the list. Here's a look at the Top 10, along with RedEye's suggestions for what the parents of these celebritots could do to give their kids a leg up next year.



1. SURI CRUISE

AGE: 2 years

THE 'RENTS:

Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes

ADVICE: She has a shot at staying atop the list—so long as there are no blowups from Tom.

2. SHILOH JOLIE-PITT

AGE: 2 years

THE 'RENTS:

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

ADVICE: Mom and pop, if you want Shiloh at the top, you gotta do more photo shoots!

3. ZAHARA JOLIE-PITT

AGE: 3 years

THE 'RENTS:

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

ADVICE: Same goes for Zahara. Maybe Baby Vogue?

4. PAX JOLIE-PITT

AGE: 4 years

THE 'RENTS:

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

ADVICE: And Pax. Especially Pax. We don't see that guy enough!

5. SAM ALEXIS WOODS

AGE: 1 year

THE 'RENTS:

Tiger Woods and Elin Nordegren Woods

ADVICE: Teach Sam golf as quickly as possible.

6. CRUZ BECKHAM

AGE: 3 years

THE 'RENTS:

David and Victoria Beckham

ADVICE: It's tough being in the bottom half of the Top 10. Maybe Victoria could introduce a kiddie clothing line?

7. MATILDA LEDGER

AGE: 3 years

THE 'RENTS:

Michelle Williams and Heath Ledger

ADVICE: Don't get caught up in the tabloid drama. It's been a rough enough year since Ledger's death.

8. DAVID BANDA

AGE: 3 years

THE 'RENTS:

Madonna and Guy Ritchie

ADVICE: Again, don't worry about the drama. Mom and pop have a separation to settle.

9. SEAN PRESTON FEDERLINE

AGE: 3 years

THE 'RENTS:

Britney Spears, Kevin Federline

ADVICE: He could make headlines, so long as mom and dad don't.

10. SAM SHEEN

AGE: 4 years

THE 'RENTS:

Denise Richards and Charlie Sheen

ADVICE: Don't put your kids on a reality TV show!



Tim Gunn and Heidi Klum
BRAVO TV

‘Project’ court battle

The fight for “Project Runway” is fierce, and not in the Christian Siriano sense. Lifetime Television has filed a countersuit against NBC and the Weinstein Co. over the popular fashion reality show, *Variety* reported. Lifetime wants exclusive rights to “PR” and enforcement of the deal it made with Weinstein Co., which has produced “Runway” for Bravo for the past five seasons. NBC and Bravo sued to block the show’s move to Lifetime. In September a judge halted the move to Lifetime until the litigation is settled.

Unlucky in love?

In today’s Robert Pattinson news, the “Twilight” hunk told Ellen DeGeneres he’s single, but that no one wants “to get into a relationship” with him (the show airs Friday). After DeGeneres said he was wrong, he joked: “People like screaming at me. Actually, they like screaming at me in relationships as well. No one wants to commit.” Really?

Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to dlhernandez@tribune.com. For Thursday, we have Lonche Thrash. Think he’s a ringer for Barry Bonds? Text “**twin**” and the number of your opinion to **47383**. You’ll get the poll results instantly.

1. DEAD ON

2. WAY OFF



Thrash



Bonds

On the mend

Winona Ryder was briefly hospitalized Wednesday after getting sick on a flight to London’s Heathrow Airport. The actress, 37, was treated at a hospital as a precaution but was released and is fine, the AP reported. There was no comment from her rep on what caused the illness.



Ryder

Sideshow Bill

The Smashing Pumpkins’ mini-residency kicked off Tuesday at the Chicago Theatre with a rousing start, *Tribune* music critic Greg Kot reported, but also included a bizarre rant from Billy Corgan at the end, as the crowd filtered out. “Why are you upset with us?” Corgan said. “It’s cause we don’t do what you want us to do. We don’t know what the [expletive] you want from us.”

Homecoming

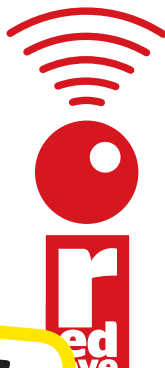
Don’t wanna wait to see James Van Der Beek again? He’s back in the Creek—sort of. The former “Dawson’s Creek” star returned to a Wilmington, N.C., sound stage—working with some of his former “Creek” crew colleagues—for a guest appearance on “One Tree Hill,” the AP reported. The episode airs Monday night.



Van Der Beek

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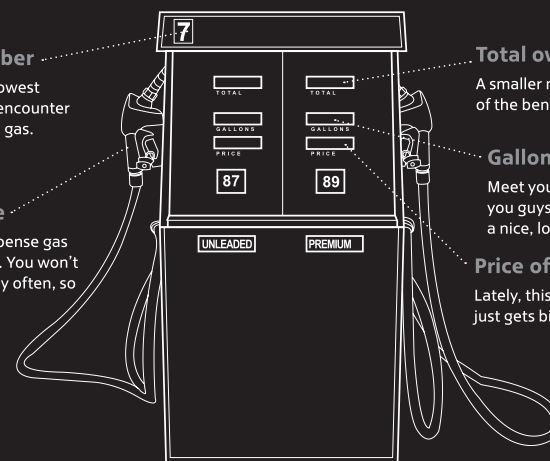
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red hot

Hey, old friend

Jennifer Aniston is surprised by her movie stardom.

After “Friends” ended in 2004, “I thought I’d never get movies,” Aniston says in this weekend’s New York Times Magazine, according to excerpts on usmagazine.com.

Aniston, who stars in the upcoming “He’s Not That Into You” and “Marley and Me,” says she owes it all to Rachel Green.

Landing the role as Rachel on “Friends” was “the first time I felt like part of the cool kids,” she says.

Aniston says she still watches “Friends” on reruns, but “there are times I don’t even remember that particular show.”

“This is horrible to say, but there are times when I laugh my rear end off,” she says. “And I get in debates with people who are over and say, ‘Friends’ is not my thing.’ Excuse you!”



JACKED UP

Step aside, Brad and George: People magazine proclaimed Hugh Jackman the Sexiest Man Alive on Wednesday.

But the hard-bodied 40-year-old, who plays the lead role in the upcoming epic romance “Australia,” tells the mag his wife didn’t exactly swoon when she heard the news.

“She said, ‘Obviously, Brad wasn’t available this year.’ And I said, ‘That was a joke, right?’” Jackman tells People, according to the mag’s Web site. He has a sense of humor too? Now that’s sexy.

THE VELVET ROPE

Model town?

SPOILER ALERT: If you don’t want to know what happened on “America’s Next Top Model” Wednesday night—LOOK AWAY!

If you watched, or if you’re curious to know: Hometown girl McKey (real name: Brittany McKey Sullivan) won Cycle 11 of the reality show Wednesday night, bringing the top title back to Chicago.

McKey, a 19-year-old student from Lake Forest, wrapped her arms around host Tyra Banks and lifted her up after Banks announced the winner. McKey, a self-professed tomboy, is a big boxing fan whose poses were limited to boxing stances during the first episodes of the show.

“I don’t think I’ve ever felt so proud of myself in my life,” said the lanky McKey.

She’s the third contestant from the Chicago area to win the “ANTM” title. Jaslene Gonzalez, who grew up in Humboldt Park, won Cycle 8, and Joliet’s Adrienne Curry won the very first crown.

Quiet time

She’s the sexy star of the “Transformers” franchise, FHM magazine’s hottest hottie on the planet and GQ magazine’s “obsession of the year.”

So you’d think Megan Fox would have something a little more sexy planned for her wedding day. But the actress’ fiancé, former “Beverly Hills, 90210” star Brian Austin Green, says it’ll be a relatively quiet, “small” affair. “Originally we were talking elopement, and now we might have a few people there,” Green told People magazine.

Green added that, in spite of the rumors, he and Fox are “still engaged.” Lucky guy.



THE DIGIT

9 months That’s how long Paris Hilton and Benji Madden had been dating, until they came to a stop in the town of Splitsville (population: them). A rep for Hilton confirmed to Us Weekly magazine on Wednesday that the heiress and Good Charlotte rocker have called it quits.

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